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▲ GREGORY BENDEL (Courtesy photo)

Bendel, selectmen candidate, releases election statement

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington Board of Selectmen candidate Gregory Bendel released a statement regarding his run for re-election to the board.

The statement reads as follows:

"Dear fellow residents, "It is with great enthusi-

asm that I ask for your vote on Saturday, April 23 for the opportunity to continue serving on the Wilmington Board of Selectmen. Over the past six years it has been my honor and privilege to work on behalf of the residents of our great town. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a small

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▲ JASON SAMAHA (Courtesy photo)

Samaha speaks on campaign for School Committee

By CASEY STEVENSON
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Jason Samaha is running for re-election unopposed for the Wilmington School Committee. Samaha has served on the committee since 2019, and is one of three candidates running uncontested for the open seats. Those running alongside

him are newcomer Stephen Turner and Jesse Fennelly, who is seeking re-election.

Samaha talked about his background and history with Wilmington.

"I moved to Wilmington in 2011, which was about 11 years ago. We chose to move here based on the

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Have you seen a stoat?

By PAIGE IMPINK
News Correspondent
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Massachusetts has two types of weasels, a long-tailed weasel and a short-tailed weasel called a stoat. Not usually seen in the Merrimack Valley, the stoat has made its



appearance in the last few years and has become a bit of a nuisance critter, seeking out food

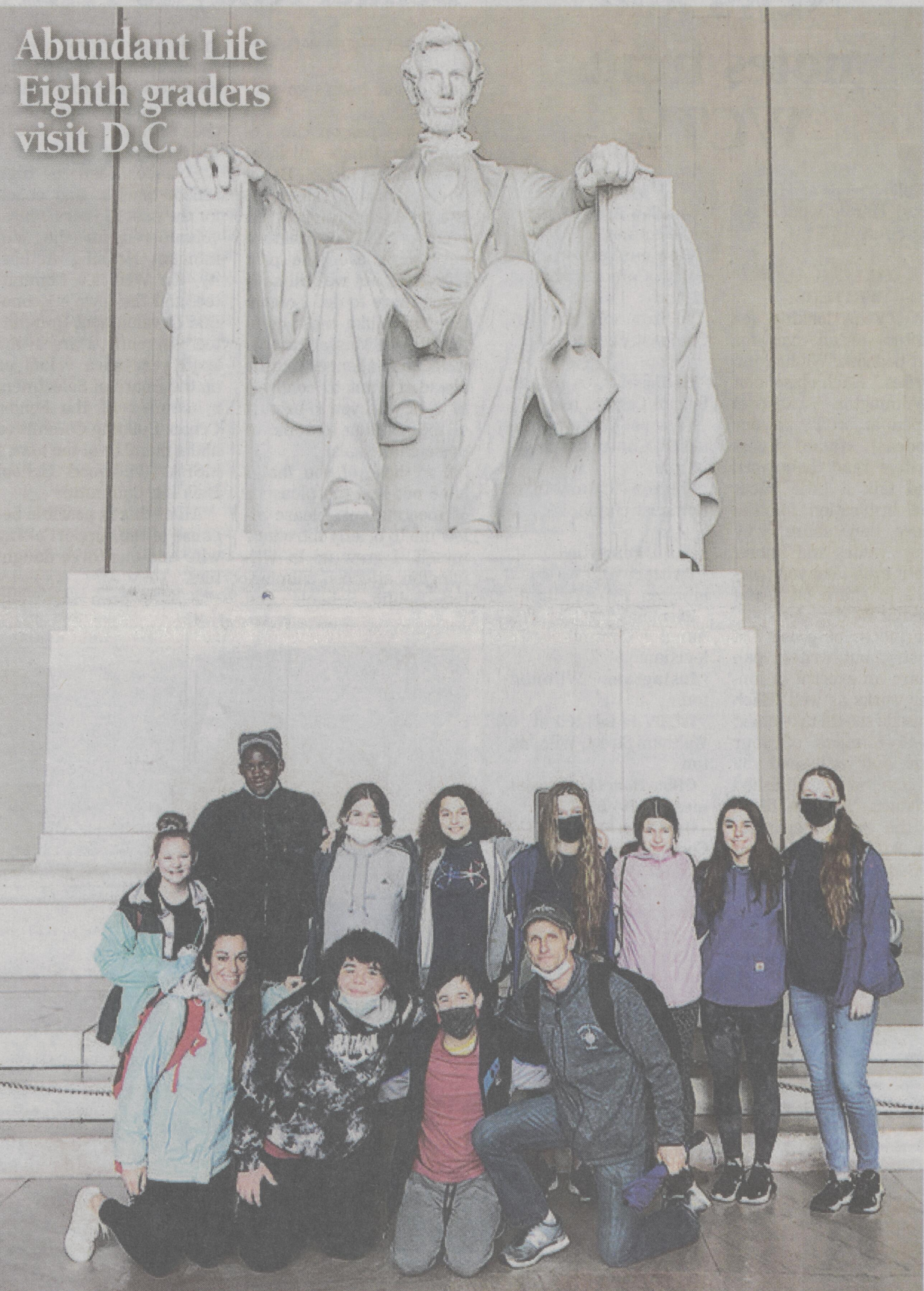
sources right along with skunks, raccoons, mice and the like.

In winter, the coat of

the stoat is all white except for the black tip of

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Abundant Life Eighth graders visit D.C.



The Abundant Life Christian School eighth-grade class recently returned from a four-day trip to our nation's capital. From April 4 to the 7, the students toured well-known Washington, DC sites such as the Lincoln Memorial, the Jefferson Memorial, the United States Holocaust Memorial, and Arlington National Cemetery, as well as many other DC sites. The trip tied together their year's studies of the roots and foundations of U.S. democracy and the role of individuals in maintaining a healthy democracy. Despite a few flight delays on their return trip to Boston, all of the students agreed that they "had a blast" in our nation's capital. Abundant Life Christian School is a private Christian school located in the heart of Wilmington. They enroll students from over 20 local Massachusetts and New Hampshire communities from infancy through eighth grade. Since 1982, ALCS has delivered on its mission to glorify God in partnership with families and churches to equip students as leaders who think critically, grow spiritually, and develop relationally. From a biblical worldview, they prepare the whole student with quality instruction and individual attention to empower them to reach their full potential and serve the greater community. Abundant Life Christian School is currently accepting applications for admission to Kindergarten up to Grade 8 for the 2022-2023 school year. For more information about enrollment, contact admissions@alcsnet.org or call 978-657-8710.

(Courtesy photo)

By HEATHER BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — After a two year absence due to COVID-19, The Shriners Circus is back and better

than ever with an all new show starting Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at the Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington.

The Aleppo Shriners Circus has been a family tradition for many since 1951. The circus is the primary fundraiser for the Aleppo Shriners Auditorium in Wilmington.

The Shrine is famous for their recognizable red fez, and the Shriners Clown presence is a staple in

many local parades. However, the Shriners are best known for their philanthropy work, especially their support of the Shriners Hospitals for Children, considered the heart and soul of the Shrine organization.

Also back after the brief COVID hiatus is Roger Metcalfe, who is serving as circus chairperson for the 17th year.

Metcalfe has been a Shriner for 47 years, and

he and his wife, Marjorie, along with their two sons and daughter, have been longtime residents of Wilmington.

Part of Metcalfe's duties as chairperson is to oversee the 99 volunteers that are required to put on a successful show.

This includes parking attendants, ticket collectors, ushers, food prep and kitchen staff members, just to name a few of the volunteer jobs that keep the

show running smoothly and will ensure a pleasant time is had by all. Volunteers consist of both Shriner organization members and non-members.

The 2022 Shriners Circus is promising to be the best show yet.

Chairperson Metcalfe confirmed, "This is an all new circus featuring some of the best performers and entertainers in the country."

There will be no exotic

animals at this year's circus per the recent town order banning circus animals in Wilmington. This order was voted in at the annual Town Meeting in 2020.

Highlights of this year's circus event will include aerialists, dancers, acrobats, motorcycle stuntmen, and of course the famous Aleppo Clowns, who are sure to bring a smile to the faces of both young and old alike.

The Shriners Circus will

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Wilmington Library News:

Friends sponsored tree seedling giveaway starts Friday, April 29

INDOOR
Tree Seedling Giveaway

Monday, April 25 all day
The library is giving away 200 Canaan Fir seedlings, which are native to New England. Stop by the library to pick up your seedling while supplies last. The tree seedling giveaway helps designate Wilmington as a Tree City. One per person or two per family. Thank you to the Friends of the Wilmington Memorial Library for funding this giveaway.

Adult Programs**INDOOR**
Cookin' the Books

Monday, April 25, 12 p.m.
If you love to cook and enjoy talking about food and sharing recipes then this group is for you. Pick up a copy of the cookbook (or find a recipe from the book online), register on the library events calendar, and record your recipe. Bring your dish to

the meeting and enjoy sampling everyone's dishes! Featured book: *Lemon, Love & Olive Oil* by Mina Stone

INDOOR**Drop-In Tech Help**

Tuesday, April 26, 1 p.m.
Wednesday, April 27, 2 p.m.
Have a tech question that's been bugging you? Stop by Drop-in Tech Help.

OUTDOOR**Walk and Talk in the Wildwood Cemetery**

Wednesday, April 27, 9 a.m.
If you are looking for some exercise and camaraderie, plan on walking the Wildwood Cemetery with Library Associate Jean Diorio and others.

VIRTUAL
Creative Writing Skills Group

Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.
Learn and apply creative writing tips, tools, and techniques shared by published authors and

other writing experts. Open to all who want to improve their creative writing skills and get their work published. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alebras.

INDOOR
Game On!

Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.
Come join our adult and teen board gaming event. We play board and card games, new and old. Bring your own favorites or play something new. Guidance and games provided by gaming enthusiast Scot Crispin. Ages 12+ & Adults

VIRTUAL
Sweet & Savory Beignets

Tuesday, April 26, 7 p.m.
Chef Cheryl Grigg from Chara's Kitchen will bring us a taste of New Orleans with her classic and savory beignet recipes.

INDOOR
Well Read Wednesday**Book Group**

Wednesday, April 27, 10 a.m.

This book group discusses contemporary books, both fiction and non-fiction, led by Library Director Tina Stewart. Featured book: *Dancing in the Mosque* by Hommeira Qaderi

HYBRID
DEI Book Group

Wednesday, April 27, 7 p.m.
This group continues the work started with the library's antiracism series. Instead of discussing the entire book, the group will read a select number of chapters per month to allow for more in depth conversation. Featured Book: *The Making of Asian America: A History* by Erika Lee Chapters for this meeting: Chapter 3 - Chapter 5 (78 pages)

OUTDOOR
Middlesex Canal Walk

Thursday, April 28, 6 p.m.

Neil Devins of the Middlesex Canal Association will lead us on an educational walk along the Middlesex Canal. Meet at the Middlesex Canal Association kiosk at Town Park next to the dog park.

Youth Programs**INDOOR**
STEAM Team

Monday, April 25
3:45pm, Grades K-2
6:30pm, Grades 3-5
Learn and have fun at the same time in this engaging STEAM program!

VIRTUAL
Pajama Jam

Monday, April 25, 6:30 p.m.
Join the fabulous Bernadette Baird for interactive music and movement. Ages 0-4

WML In-Person Programming

Registration is required for most in-person programs. Please check our

website on the day of the program to confirm location. Masks are no longer required for vaccinated patrons while visiting the library.

WML Virtual Programming

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News and
notes from
WCTV

Hello friends and neighbors! Here's what's going on at WCTV!

CALLING ALL WRITERS!

WCTV is looking for writers of all ages for our podcast "Wilmington Writes." Each episode of "Wilmington Writes" is taped at WCTV in our Podcast studio. Guest writers read their work and talk a little about the inspiration for the piece they share, why they write and more. We'll even take your picture to share on social media! We'd prefer shorter pieces of prose like poetry, but writers can share an excerpt of longer works as well. Each episode should take about 10-15 minutes of your time and we'll send you a copy of the finished product. You can listen to the current episodes on WCTV.org/programs/podcasts. To reserve your seat in the writer's chair or for more information, please email Lisa Kapala at: lisa@wctv.org

Meetings covered**by WCTV:**

Monday, April 25, Board of Selectmen

View on: Verizon channel 38, Comcast channel 22 and

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Wednesday, April 27, School Committee

View on: Verizon channel 38, Comcast channel 22 and

Verizon channel 37, Comcast channel 9.

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part of our town's government.

"No one person can accomplish things in local government alone. Being on the Board of Selectmen is a total team effort. I am proud of the things that we have done over the past few years, but we still have much more to do. I recognize that, like most communities in Massachusetts, we have challenges that lie ahead. I want to continue to work with you to be part of the solution to some of these challenges.

"For those of you that I have not had the pleasure of meeting yet, please allow me to briefly introduce myself. I grew up in Wilmington, attended Wilmington Public Schools and

graduated from Shawshen Tech. I earned a bachelor's degree from UMass Lowell and a masters degree from Salem State University.

"I have been a high school teacher and coach for the past 15 years. I have volunteered for the Wilmington Housing Authority, the WHS 4.0 Committee, and the town's Economic Development Committee. Currently, I am in my sixth year as a volunteer on the Board of Selectmen, a member of the Senior Center Building Committee and a member of the town's MSBA Wildwood School Building Committee.

"All of this is possible because of the support of my wife and our three daughters.

"I have been incredibly

lucky to have the support of so many of my family, friends and neighbors. I can't tell you how much your encouragement has inspired me over the past few years. Thank you to everyone who encouraged me to run again this year. I ask for your help and humbly request you consider me for one of your two votes for a three year term on the Wilmington Board of Selectmen.

"Please remember to vote this Saturday, April 23. Polls are open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

To find out more please Like Selectman Greg Bendel on Facebook and Twitter."

Bendel's Facebook page can be found under the name *Selectman Greg Bendel*, and his Twitter handle

is @ForBendel.

Additional to his statement, his Facebook page consists of updates on when Board of Selectmen meetings and other committee meetings are happening, dives further into his involvement in Wilmington, celebrates accomplishments of Wilmington residents, and shines a light on fundraisers and happenings in Wilmington and with Wilmington's youth. As said in the statement, residents are encouraged to find these pages if more information is wanted.

As a reminder, voting for the 2022 annual town election will take place on April 23, 2022, and residents will be able to vote from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Middlesex Sheriff's
K9 Unit visits
Wilmington
Police Department

The Middlesex Sheriff's Office's K9 Unit recently visited the Wilmington Police Department to perform a demo for the Police Explorer Program! They brought along K9 Pebbles and K9 Dillon.

(courtesy photos)

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It's Your Money
by Todd Brisbois**WHAT PEOPLE SHOULD NOT DO IF THEY GET MAIL FROM THE IRS**

Don't ignore it. Most IRS letters and notices are about federal tax returns or tax accounts. Each notice deals with a specific issue and includes specific instructions on what to do.

Don't throw it away. Taxpayers should keep notices or letters they receive from the IRS. These include adjustment notices when an action is taken on the taxpayer's account; Economic Impact Payment notices; and letters about advance payments of the 2021 child tax credit. They may need to refer to these when filing their 2021 tax return in 2022. In general, the IRS suggests that taxpayers keep records for three years from the date they filed the tax return.

Don't panic. The IRS and its authorized private collection agencies do send letters by mail. Most of the time, all the taxpayer needs to do is read the letter carefully and take the appropriate action.

Don't reply unless instructed to do so. There is usually no need for a taxpayer to reply to a notice unless specifically instructed to do so. On the other hand, taxpayers who owe should reply with a payment. IRS.gov has information about payment options.

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New funding to expand Teamsters Local 25 Truck Driver Training Program in Tewksbury

BOSTON - The Commonwealth of Massachusetts is taking action to address the supply chain emergency and truck driver shortage. Massachusetts Senator Paul Feeney (D-Foxborough) announced the approval of \$975,000 for the expansion of the Teamsters Local 25 Driver Training Program during a visit and tour of the acclaimed school in Tewksbury.

The new funds will accelerate this commercial truck driver training program to address the severe truck driver shortage and supply chain crisis facing our state and nation.

The funds were part of the ARPA/Budget Surplus Spending Package, Amendment #136, filed by Sen. Feeney, for the purpose of accelerating a commercial truck driver training program. These funds will address the severe truck driver shortage and supply chain emergency facing our state and nation.

These new funds will be matched 1:1 by the Teamsters Local 25 Training Fund. This program trains students to earn their Commercial Drivers' License (CDL) and prepares them for long-term careers with great earning potential as qualified commercial truck drivers. Since 2016, nearly 400 students have attended the Local 25 CDL school, with 42 percent identifying as female and/or non-white.

"Teamsters Local 25 operates the best truck driver training program in the country and we are proud to be an important part of the solution to address the supply chain and worker shortage issues," said Teamsters Local 25 President Thomas G. Mari. "Thank you to Sen. Feeney for securing badly needed funds to expand the program which will enhance our ability to train the next generation of drivers and get more people into great union jobs as commercial truck drivers."

The Teamsters Local 25 Driving Training Program has a "first try" passage rate of more than 90 percent, nearly double the national average. This means drivers are on the road, earning good money, supporting their families, and delivering goods faster. Employment opportunities created by the Local 25 Driver Training Program typically result in starting wages from \$20 to \$37 per hour, with significant long-term earning potential well beyond that.

"I am thrilled to present this money to address this critical aspect of the supply chain emergency," said Sen. Feeney. "This expansion of the Teamster 25 Driver Training Program will continue to support training to students for long-term careers as well-



▲ State Senator Barry Finegold (D-Andover) speaking inside the Teamsters Local 25 Training Center in Tewksbury.

◀ State Representative David Robertson (D-Tewksbury) speaking inside the Teamsters Local 25 Training Center in Tewksbury (Courtesy photos)

qualified and safe Commercial Drivers. This training program is a direct and proven pipeline to good paying, benefits providing, important middle-class jobs, all while addressing the continued depletion of the truck driving industry. This investment in the Driver Training Program will address the severe shortage of commercial drivers throughout the Commonwealth and Nation while creating good paying, blue collar, union represented jobs, to support hundreds of Massachusetts families and businesses."

Sen. Feeney continued by thanking all those who are making this solution possible.

"I want to thank President Mari and the Teamsters Local 25 Driver Training School for stewarding this essential industry and creating a path to the middle class for so many members. I also express my deep appreciation to Senate Ways and Means Committee Chair, Senator Michael Rodrigues, and Senate President Karen E. Spilka, for prioritizing this funding in the State Senate, as well as my partners in the legislature, Senator Finegold and Representative Robertson for their representation and support for this organization and this region. And I thank Governor Charlie Baker and Lieutenant Governor Karyn Polito for their long-standing support for workforce development across their Administration," said Feeney.

"The pandemic has underscored the importance of a robust, equitable economy capable of providing good middle-class jobs to residents," said Senate President Karen E. Spilka (D-Ashland). "When the Legislature allocated funding from our state's American Rescue Plan and Fiscal Year 2021 surplus funds, we made targeted investments to provide transformational change and support for working people. The Driver Training Program, which

addresses supply chain issues by supporting new truck drivers, is one example. Sen. Feeney has been a consistent advocate for working people across our state, and I thank him for his work on supply chain issues."

"Congratulations to Teamsters Local 25 for receiving \$975,000 in new funding to expand their drivers' training program," said State Senator Barry Finegold (D-Andover). "This funding will help address the commercial truck driver shortage and encourage under-represented groups to join the industry. I want to thank Senator Feeney for securing this funding, which will provide important employment opportunities and help meet the supply demands in our region."

"At a time when our Commonwealth is being confronted with workforce shortages and supply chain challenges, it is critically important that we invest in new employment opportunities for our trucking industry," said State Representative David Robertson (D-Tewksbury). "These additional funds will not only keep our economy moving, but they will also ensure that our truck drivers are properly trained and adequately paid. I am grateful for Sen. Feeney's leadership on this issue, and I look forward to our continued partnership with Teamsters Local 25."

A recent study by the American Trucking Association concluded that more than one million truck drivers will have to join the industry over the next decade to keep pace with the demand. Trucks move 71 percent of the domestic freight in the US. At some point in the supply chain, most products in the US will be on a truck driven by a commercial driver.

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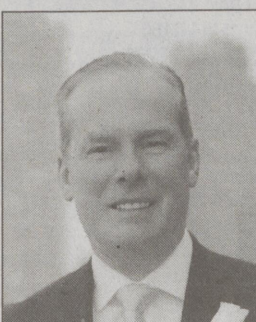
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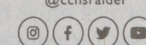
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Book Stew Review

'The Anomaly' by Herve Le Tellier

By EILEEN MACDOUGALL

This completely startling novel (well, if you were into the TV show *Lost*, and the movie *The Truman Show*, maybe a tiny bit familiar) was so remarkable that I had to reread it again as soon as I finished.

The plot: a flight from Paris to NYC in March of 2021 (no pandemic cited, whew, you couldn't have had both) powers through the most awful cloud formations and violent turbulence, with the plane nearly breaking apart, into the sudden gleam of bright sunlight and a successful

landing.

Then, in June 2021, three months later, a flight from Paris to NYC (no pandemic cited, whew, you couldn't have had both) powers through the most awful cloud formations and violent turbulence, with the plane nearly breaking apart, into the sudden gleam of bright sunlight and a successful landing.

The very same plane, pilot, passengers, weather — TWICE, ONE HUNDRED DAYS APART.

Truly an unforgettable must-read, winner of the Goncourt Prize in France, and winner of my eternal admiration for both author and translator.

Upcoming local events

Thursday, April 28 — Saturday, April 30 TMHS Spring Musical *Mama Mia!* At TMHS. Shows: 4/28 - 7 p.m., 4/29 - 7 p.m., 4/30 - 2 p.m., 4/30 - 7 p.m. Tickets \$10.

Friday, April 22 — Shriner's Aleppo Circus, Shriner's Auditorium, 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington

Saturday, April 23 — Fishing Derby, Centralville Sportsmen's Club, Dracut 7 a.m. - 4 p.m. Children 12 and under: \$14 for Saturday and Sunday or \$8 for Sunday only. Adults \$20 for Saturday and Sunday or \$12 for Sunday only.

Saturday, April 23 & 30 — 10 a.m. - Outdoor Grounds

Tour of the Tewksbury Hospital. Public Health Museum - www.publichealthmuseum.org

Friday, April 29 — The Silvertones Swing into Spring Dance, Tewksbury Senior Center, 7 - 9 p.m.. This is not a BYOB event.

Friday, May 6 — TMHS Band and Chorus Spring Concert, Dr. Christine L. McGrath Performing Arts Center, 6:30 p.m.

Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 — TMHS Art Show, Tewksbury Memorial High School, 7 - 9 p.m.

Wednesday, June 22 — 100 People Who Care Tewksbury Giving Event, Wamesit Lanes

Senate Republicans pursue alternate energy/climate bill

BOSTON — State Senate Republicans have released alternative legislation to address energy and climate change issues as the Senate prepares to debate Senate Bill 2819, An Act Driving Climate Policy Forward, on Thursday.

The multi-pronged proposed substitution "An Effective Energy and Climate Solutions Plan" would create a central Decarbonization and Energy Independence Fund that would receive a \$250 million state appropriation coupled with a transfer of \$250 million from the state's remaining allocation of federal American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding.

Those funds would be used to modernize the electric grid, provide increased rebates for the purchase of electric vehicles and charging stations, fund grants to regional transit authorities and local school districts for the purchase of zero-emission buses and other vehicles, and facilitate tax credits for the transition of commercial vehicles and equipment to lower emission substitutes.

The legislation would also intensify state carbon sequestration efforts, compel a new incentive program for the installation of solar generation panels, and create a special commission to recommend necessary measures to protect the

state's commercial fisheries from potentially adverse impacts from the generation of electricity from offshore wind.

"We take the challenges of reducing carbon emissions and supplying the state's energy needs seriously," said state Senate Minority Leader Bruce Tarr (R-Gloucester), "And we are putting a plan on the table to effectively use state and federal funding to meet the most pressing needs involved in addressing those challenges, while working to ensure that consumers have access to the energy they need without undue risk of the rate shock that can accompany ambitious goals without the energy supplies and infrastructure to meet them. Our plan directs attention and spending to the places they need to go today to make cost-effective differences for tomorrow."

In addition to funding, the Senate Republican legislation emphasizes carbon sequestration, a means to use natural resources including forests, farms, wetlands, salt marsh, and urban trees and landscapes to actually remove existing carbon from the atmosphere by building the state's stock of trees and vegetation, building on legislation sponsored by Tarr and House Minority Leader Brad Jones (R-North Reading), that

passed and was signed into law by Governor Charlie Baker in the Next Generation Roadmap Energy bill last year.

The proposal shares some elements with the plan released last week by Senate Democrats, including compelling a new incentive program for the installation of solar electric generation panels and regulatory changes to assist farmers with the installation of alternative energy generation apparatus on agricultural lands.

"The climate legislation we are set to debate will shape the future of Massachusetts' energy sector. It's critical that we work together and get this right," said State Senator Patrick O'Connor (R-Weymouth). "That means establishing a responsible plan that protects consumers, employees, businesses, and our environment."

Key elements of the proposal include:

- A central Commonwealth Decarbonization and Energy Independence Fund, consisting of \$250 million of state funding and \$250 million of the remaining state allocation of discretionary federal funding from the ARPA,
- Several purpose-specific subsidiary funds, including:
- A Clean Energy Investment Fund,
- A Passenger Vehicle

Decarbonization and Charging Station Fund,

• A Fleet Modernization Fund,

• An Electric Grid Capacity, Reliability and Resilience Fund.

• A directive and funding for the Massachusetts Department of Energy Resources to take action to ensure that the state's electric grid can accommodate increased electric loads from charging electric vehicles, etc, and new supplies of electricity from renewable sources,

• Resources and requirements for state government to boost sequestration of carbon using natural resources such as forests, farms, wetlands, salt marsh, and urban trees and landscapes,

• Regulatory changes to assist farms with the installation of alternative energy generation on agricultural land,

• Grants for Regional Transit Authorities and local school districts to purchase zero-emission buses and charging facilities,

• Tax Credits for the replacement of commercial vehicles and equipment to meet federal low-emission requirements, and

• A stakeholder-based commission to make recommendations to eliminate or mitigate adverse impacts from offshore wind electricity production on the state's commercial fisheries.

DiNitto, Bloom achieve academic honors at Bishop Fenwick

Two Wilmington residents achieved academic honors at Bishop

Fenwick High School: Ava DiNitto, 9th grade, President's List and

Kiley Bloom, 9th grade, Principal's List.

Shawsheen Valley Technical High School honor roll

BILLERICA — Shawsheen Valley Technical High School has released the names of students who have achieved honor roll status for third quarter. To be eligible for Honor Roll, students must receive a minimum grade of "B" in every course, and High Honor Roll achievers must receive an "A" in every course. Shawsheen serves more than 1300 students in grades 9-12 from Bedford, Billerica, Burlington, Tewksbury, and Wilmington. The students listed below embody Shawsheen's mission "Dedicated to Excellence in Education."

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OBITUARIES

Robert F. Barrett

Served in the Army during World War II

Robert F. Barrett, of Reading, passed away Monday April 11, 2022. He was 98 years of age.



Born in Taunton, Robert was the son of the late Daniel J. and Helen (Weaver) Barrett. Robert was a loving son, husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother, uncle and friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Robert graduated from Reading High in 1941, then proudly served his country in the Army during World War II. He graduated from Boston College in 1951.

Robert met the love of his life, Lucretia, on a blind date set up by his brother and they shared 61 wonderful loving years together, raising their family in Reading.

He was a Religious Education teacher at St. Agnes and St. Joseph for many years and spent his whole career, 36 years, as a teacher and principal in Wilmington Public Schools from 1951-1987.

After retirement, Robert taught computers at St. Joseph School. He was proud to be a 4th Degree Knight in Reading K of C Council 1031.

Robert is the beloved husband of the late Lucretia (Murphy) Barrett. He is the devoted father of Mary (Beth) Gormley and her husband Terrence, Lucretia "Cre" Zerfas and her husband Tom, Jane McConnell and her husband David and Nancy Hinds and her husband Michael.

The cherished grandfather of 11 and loving great grandfather of 14.

Dear brother of the late Rev. Daniel J. Barrett, Sr. Mary Bernadette, SND and Anne Barrett. The brother-in-law of Benjamin Murphy and his wife Mary Ann, the late Edmond Murphy and his surviving wife Constance, the late John Murphy and his wife Agnes, the late Francis "Pete" Murphy and his wife Mary, the late Ann Murphy, and the late Walter Murphy and his wife Kathleen.

He is also survived by

many loving nieces and nephews.

Funeral from the Doherty Barile Family Funeral Home 11 Linden St. READING on Friday April 22, 2022 at 9 a.m. followed by a Funeral Mass Celebrating Robert's Eternal Life in St. Joseph Church 173 Albion St. Wakefield at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Woodend Cemetery, Reading.

Family and friends are kindly invited to gather and share memories with the family on Thursday April 21, 2022 from 4 to 7 p.m. Parking attendants and elevator available.

Please consider donations in memory of Robert to Catholic TV Network P.O. Box 9196 Watertown MA 02471.

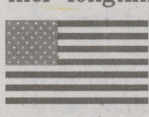
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John C. Cuneo, Jr.

Retired Tewksbury Deputy Fire Chief

who served in the US Marine Corps during Korea

John C. Cuneo, Jr. age 88, of West Dennis, a former longtime resident of



Tewksbury, died peacefully in North Chatham on

Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

He was the beloved husband of Sonja (Kartuz) Cuneo, who passed away on Jan. 24, 2018, and father of the late Michael J. Cuneo, who passed away on June 25, 2005.

Born in Winthrop on Dec. 7, 1933, he was the son of the late John C. Cuneo and the late Alice (Sanger) Cuneo.

John, known by family and friends as "Jack," was raised in Tewksbury, attended Tewksbury schools, and graduated from Tewksbury High School.

John's passion for firefighting started at the age of 15 when he served as a member of the former Tewksbury Volunteer Fire Department alongside his father and brother who also served as volunteer firefighters.

In 1953, he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps and served during the Korean War. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal for his active-duty service.

After his service in the Korean War, John was stationed at Marine Corps Base Camp Pendleton, where he also served in the Volunteer Fire Department in nearby Fallbrook, California.

Following his honorable discharge from the Marine Corps, John returned to his beloved Town of Tewksbury, becoming a member of the Tewksbury Fire Department.

John's long career as a Tewksbury firefighter included a promotion to Captain, and prior to his retirement, he served as Deputy Chief of the Tewksbury Fire Department. During his career, John was on duty during the 1972 Lowell Gas Company explosion which took the lives of two of his fellow firefighters and injured dozens of others.

In the late 1970's, John and his late wife founded and operated the former Sonjon Associates Real Estate Company of Tewksbury until they retired from real estate in 1988.

After John's retirement, he and his late wife moved to West Dennis in 1989 where they founded a firefighters memorabilia/gift shop known as The Fire Bell.

Being an avid collector of fire memorabilia himself, John obtained much pleasure in meeting other firefighters with the same interest in fire collecting and became an active member of the West Dennis community over the past 33 years.

John was also a diehard New England Patriots fan and never shied away from a healthy discussion of politics.



itics.

He is survived by his daughter, Heather D. Burns and her husband Jim, of Tewksbury; three grandchildren, Cassia, Jaime, and Chloe Burns, of Tewksbury. John was the brother of Cathy Turpin and her husband Dwayne, of Maine, and the late Frank Cuneo.

Family and friends are invited to a casual Celebration of his Life to be held on Saturday, April 23, 2022, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Mount Horeb Masonic Lodge located at 242 Old Bass River Road in South Dennis. Kindly Omit Flowers. Donations honoring his memory may be made to The Hundred Club of Massachusetts at 25 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 200, Braintree, MA 02184. The Hundred Club provides benefits to the surviving families of Massachusetts firefighters and police officers killed in the line of duty.

Baker-Polito Administration announces over one million at-home COVID tests

BOSTON — The Baker-Polito Administration announced additional distribution of free at-home COVID-19 test kits to expand access for residents across the Commonwealth. The Executive Office of Health and Human Services, in partnership with the Office of Preparedness and Emergency Management, will distribute over one million iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen tests to eight of the largest Massachusetts food banks and food access organizations, increasing access to residents who may not have access to COVID-19 rapid tests through more traditional channels.

The iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen test kit deliveries began this week to eight of the largest food banks and food access organizations in Massachusetts, who serve over 850,000 residents monthly through their networks of over 570 local food pantries across the Commonwealth. This distribution builds on over 10 million iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen tests that have already been widely distributed across the Commonwealth since January to K-12 schools, early education programs, emergency shelters, immigration-focused community organizations, community health centers, senior housing, health and human services programs and other locations.

"As part of our public health toolkit, the Administration is committed to increasing access to convenient at-home COVID-19 tests for our residents," said Health and Human Services Secretary Marylou Sudders. "Partnering with these trusted community organizations is the right thing to do to ensure that individuals facing financial hardship and food insecurity have easy access to getting these tests."

The economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated food insecurity in all corners of the state, particularly among communities that have historically experienced food resource inequities. While food prices increased and families' budget grew strained, the state's food banks, food pantries and meal providers have stretched to manage the increased demand and serve more residents than ever.

These local organiza-

tions are keeping communities fed with healthy, local and culturally accessible food, while connecting residents with existing nutrition programs including Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

Food pantries and local food access organizations reach hundreds of thousands of low-income residents, including older adults, low-income families and individuals who are newly arrived from other countries. Providing at-home rapid antigen tests while residents are already at these trusted food distribution locations saves them time and money.

Food banks and food access organizations will distribute the rapid test kits alongside the food they provide. These organizations have also been provided with COVID-19 Self-Test Instructions to access simple, translated instructions alongside the test kits.

Food Banks and Food Access Organizations Receiving Test Kits:

- Greater Boston Food Bank
- Worcester County Food Bank
- The Food Bank of Western MA
- Merrimack Valley Food Bank
- Community Servings
- Daily Table
- Food for Free
- About Fresh

"The Greater Boston Food Bank is thrilled to partner with the Baker-Polito Administration in the distribution of COVID-19 rapid tests by lending our operations and logistical expertise, and extensive network," said Catherine D'Amato, president and CEO. "The strength of our network lies in the 600 trusted community partners we work with who are embedded in 190 cities and towns across Eastern Massachusetts and serving those with the least amount of resources. Access to rapid tests will be greatly appreciated by the hundreds of thousands of individuals they serve."

"Worcester County Food Bank is happy to collaborate with Governor Baker's Administration to provide free at-home COVID test kits to our neighbors in Worcester County who might not otherwise have access to this important resource," said Jean McMurray,

CEO of the Worcester County Food Bank. "The kits will be distributed to our network of food pantries and they in turn will provide them to individuals and households throughout Worcester County."

"We are very grateful to the Commonwealth for providing these at-home rapid tests. For the population that we serve it is not always easy to access these important health resources, so we are very happy to be able to provide them to our community through our programs and our partner agencies," said Food Bank of Western Massachusetts Director of Programs Christina Maxwell.

"The Merrimack Valley Food Bank is honored to help distribute the at-home COVID test kits. It was a good decision to ask Food Banks to facilitate getting the tests to MA residents. We at the Merrimack Valley Food Bank already provide food through a network of partner food pantries, meal programs, senior centers and community action agencies. These partners will give them to families and individuals who seek assistance with food and in some places, other services. It's just another way we'll help keep our neighbors in 33 communities and beyond healthy," said Executive Director of the Merrimack Valley Food Bank Amy Pessia.

At-home COVID-19 rapid antigen test kits are a fast, easy and convenient way to test for COVID-19. In addition to the Administration providing iHealth Labs OTC at-home rapid antigen test kits and allowing municipalities to directly purchase tests, residents can visit local pharmacies or order online to purchase rapid test kits on their own, as needed.

Massachusetts performs more COVID tests than almost any other state in the country thanks to the hundreds of existing testing locations across the Commonwealth. All testing sites are listed here: mass.gov/gettested.

COVID-19 rapid tests are one of several risk-reduction measures, along with vaccination and receiving a booster, that can protect individuals by reducing the chances of spreading COVID-19.

For detailed information on testing, visit mass.gov/gettested

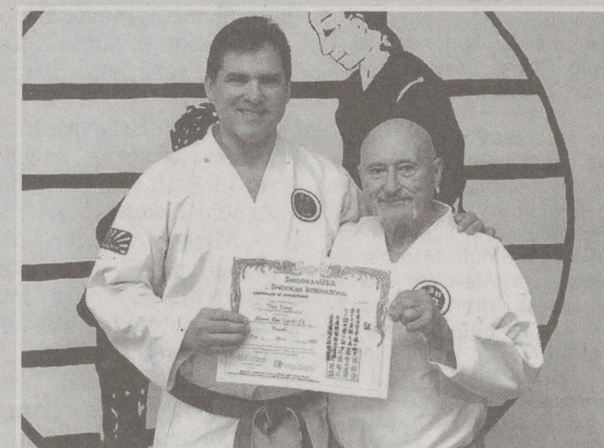
Black belt excellence is awarded at Academy of Traditional Karate

WILMINGTON — The Academy of Traditional Karate is proud to announce that the head instructor and founder, Todd Keane, of Tewksbury, has been awarded the teaching title of Hanshi, Chief Grandmaster instructor, by his teacher, Kaicho Richie Bernard.

Keane began his training 43 years ago as a young man; first in JuJitsu and shortly after moved to training in Shorin-Ryu, an Okinawan style of Karate. He always had an entrepreneurial spirit and left his career at Hewlett Packard to open up his own dojo, the Academy of Traditional Karate, in 1989.

He saw a real need for a comprehensive traditional karate program that focused on life skills while teaching traditional karate, a discipline in itself.

Coming up on the 33-year anniversary of their dojo Todd and his wife Kristen are grateful to have had the opportunity to impact so many lives.



▲ Todd Keane, of Tewksbury, founder and head instructor at the Academy of Traditional Karate in Wilmington was promoted by his teacher Richie Bernard (of Methuen). Black Belt Excellence is Awarded at the Academy of Traditional Karate. (Courtesy photo)

With the help of their amazing team of dedicated instructors, the Academy produced more than 500 world class Black Belts over the last 32 plus years.

The Academy of Traditional Karate teaches traditional Okinawan Karate and has been part of the community since 1989. They continually strive to build confidence, improve

self-discipline, self-esteem and the ability to focus, in addition to teaching safety skills and self defense techniques necessary for all of their students ages 3-75.

Please contact the Academy by calling (978) 658-2077 or, visit their website at www.Traditional-Karate.com for more information regarding their programs.

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P0607EA

Estate of:
Richard Louis Meneguzzi
Also known as:
Richard L. Meneguzzi
Date of Death: 08/31/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for S/A – Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: **Julie L. Meneguzzi of Tewksbury MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Julie L. Meneguzzi of Tewksbury MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/06/2022.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 08, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

220495

4/20/22

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP) Branding & Marketing Consulting Services

The Town of Wilmington is requesting proposals from qualified consultants to create a brand identity that will serve to distinguish Wilmington from neighboring communities and help to create a sense of place along the Town's main commercial corridors and develop a shared marketing strategy to promote economic growth.

Copies of the Request for Proposals (RFP) are available at the Town of Wilmington's Purchasing Department website: <https://www.wilmingtonma.gov/purchasing-department>

Separate price and non-price proposals shall be received in the Town Manager's Office, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 until **10:00 a.m. on Wednesday May 25, 2022**. Consultants shall submit one (1) sealed price proposal marked with the Consultant's name, business address, and "Branding & Marketing Price Proposal." The Consultants shall submit (3) hard copies and one (1) PDF of RFP proposal including all attachments except those to be contained in the Price Proposal.

The Town reserves the right to reject any proposal, or any part thereof deemed not to be in the best interest of the Town of Wilmington. Award of a contract for Branding & Marketing consultant services as described in the RFP is subject to the availability of funds.

Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager

220524

4/20/22

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CITATION ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION

Docket No. MI22P1945EA

Estate of: **Paul J. Smith**
Also known as: **Paul Smith**
Date of Death: 10/15/2021

To all interested persons:

A Petition for Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by: **Timothy P. Smith of Boston MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Timothy P. Smith of Boston MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in **unsupervised administration**

IMPORTANT NOTICE

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 05/12/2022.**

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WITNESS, Hon. Maureen H. Monks, First Justice of this Court. Date: April 14, 2022

Tara E. DeCristofaro,
Register of Probate

220516

4/20/22

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 3, 2022 at 8:20 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-07 and Stormwater Management Permit #22-04, plan entitled, "Proposed Site Plan, 278 Lowell Street, (Tax Map 72 Lot 1B), Wilmington, Massachusetts"; dated April 4, 2022, prepared by Richard A. Salvo, P.E., Engineering Alliance, Inc., 194 Central Street, Saugus, MA 01906. The application is to construct a new 10,000 square foot commercial, associated stormwater management facilities, and site work. Said property is located at 278 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 72 Parcel 1B.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence R. Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
220483 4/13, 20/22

LEGAL NOTICE

To: The Robert A. Ciampa, an action has been commenced against you in the Northeast Housing Court, Docket No. 22H77CV000013 by the Attorney General for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, affecting the property at 156 Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington, Massachusetts. The Attorney General is seeking the Court to appoint a receiver for such property to repair the property in order to make it fit for human habitation pursuant to G.L. c. 111, § 127I. If appointed and the receiver makes the property habitable, the receiver will request that the Court authorize the receiver to sell such property free and clear of any property interests claimed or held by others and free and clear of all encumbrances of record. You are hereby summoned and required to serve upon the Attorney General's Office, One Ashburton Place, Boston, MA 02108, an answer to the Petition to Enforce the State Sanitary Code and for Appointment of a Receiver within ten (10) days from the date of this notice. You are encouraged to contact the Court or the Attorney General's Office at (617) 963-2880. Please note that this matter is scheduled for a **hearing** on the Petition to Enforce the State Sanitary Code and for Appointment of a Receiver **on May 24, 2022, at noon in the Northeast Housing Court, located at 2 Appleton St 2nd floor, Lawrence, MA 01840.**

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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 3, 2022 at 8:10 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-08 and Stormwater Management Permit #22-05, plan entitled, "Textron Building Remodel and Proposed Warehouse, 201 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA"; dated May 6, 2021, last revised April 7, 2022, prepared by David Fenstermacher, P.E., VHB, 2 Bedford Farms Drive, Suite 200, Bedford, NH 03110. The application is for an amendment to the previously approved Site Plan (#21-09) and Stormwater Management Permit (#21-07) to incorporate a revised fencing and landscape island layout, pedestrian safety features, external storage for hazardous materials, and utility revisions on Parcel A. Said property is located at 201 Lowell Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 48 Parcel 73A.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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Terence R. Boland, Chair
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

PUBLIC HEARING Removal of Public Shade Trees

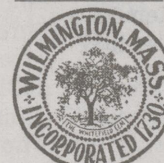
Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Sections 3 and 4, a public hearing will be held on Friday April 29th 2022 at 9:30 am in the auditorium of Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA, to consider the removal of the following public trees:

ID# 1
Species: White Oak (*Quercus alba*)
Diameter: 31"
Location: In front of #60 Federal Street

The tree(s) identified above have been posted for public inspection. Any objections to their removal must be submitted in writing to the Tree Warden, prior to or during the hearing. The mailing address for the Tree Warden is:

Department of Public Works
Tree Warden
121 Glen Road,
Wilmington, MA 01887
Phone: 978-658-4481
220515 4/20, 27/22

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on May 3, 2022 at 8:30 p.m. in the Town Hall Auditorium, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for a Site Plan Review #22-09 and Stormwater Management Permit #22-06, plan entitled, "Walkway Connection Plan, 46 & 53 Jonspin Road, Wilmington, MA"; dated April 7, 2022, prepared by Todd P. Morey, P.E., Beals Associates, Inc., 2 Park Plaza Suite 200, Boston, MA 02116. The application is for the construction of a sidewalk expansion and crosswalk across Jonspin Road between the properties at 46 and 53 Jonspin Road. Said property is located at 46 & 53 Jonspin Road, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map R1 Parcels 306C & 3055.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Terence R. Boland, Chair
Wilmington Planning Board
220484 4/13, 20/22

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TOWN OF TEWKSBURY
BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on **April 28, 2022 at 6:30 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Victory Construction on behalf of Julie & Douglas Taggart**, for a variance under Section 4130, Appendix B, of the Tewksbury Zoning Bylaw, for front yard setbacks to replace a 23' x 19' open deck as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **7 Heath Street**, Assessor's Map 68, Lot 25 zoned Residential.

The application may be examined in the Zoning Board of Appeals webpage of the Town of Tewksbury's website at www.tewksbury-ma.gov. Should other accommodations be necessary to view the application, please call the Community Development Office at 978-640-4370. Legal Notice can also be viewed on www.masspublicnotices.org

Nancy Rego, Chair
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LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF WILMINGTON

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Saturday, April 30, 2022

9:00 a.m.

Wilmington High School
Joanne M. Benton Auditorium

220422

4/13, 20, 27/22

11 students named to Dean's List at Northeastern

BOSTON — Northeastern University is pleased to recognize those students who distinguish themselves academically during the course of the school year. The following local students were recently named to the University's dean's list for the Fall semester, which ended in December 2021.

- **Tewksbury resident Surabhi Keesara**, majoring in Comp Sci/Mathematics.
- **Tewksbury resident Zachary Spiegel**, majoring in Electrical and Computer Engr.
- **Tewksbury resident Jessica Lisiecki**, majoring in Biology.
- **Wilmington resident Andrew Regan**, majoring in Mechanical Engineering.

- **Wilmington resident Adam Doucette**, majoring in Music.
- **Wilmington resident Jessica Hayduk**, majoring in Bioengineering.
- **Wilmington resident Ian Proulx**, majoring in Bioengineering.
- **Wilmington resident Ashley Murdock**, majoring in Undeclared.
- **Wilmington resident Alyson Broussard**, majoring in Nursing. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Broussard is a member of the University Honors Program.

- **Wilmington resident Gillian Lentini**, majoring in Computer Science. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Lentini is a member of the University Honors Program.
- **Wilmington resident Elisa Kwon**, majoring in Biology/English. In addition to achieving distinction through the dean's list, Kwon is a member of the University Honors Program.

To achieve the dean's list distinction, students must carry a full program of at least four courses, have a quality point average of 3.5 or greater out of a possible 4.0 and carry no single grade lower than a C-

during the course of their college career. Each student receives a letter of commendation and congratulation from their college dean.

The University Honors Program offers high caliber students the chance to further hone their studies and interests, live in special interest residential communities, participate in enriched, interdisciplinary courses, and engage in research and creative endeavors, service, and global experiences. Inviting into the University Honors Program is highly competitive and students must maintain a high GPA to maintain membership.

About Northeastern

Founded in 1898, Northeastern is a global research university and the recognized leader in experience-powered life-long learning. Our world-renowned experiential approach empowers our students, faculty, alumni, and partners to create impact far beyond the confines of discipline, degree, and campus.

Our locations-in Boston; the Massachusetts communities of Burlington and Nahant; Charlotte, North Carolina; London; the San Francisco Bay Area; Seattle; Toronto; and Vancouver-are nodes in our growing global university system. Through this network, we expand opportunities for flexible, student-centered learning and collaborative, solutions-focused research.

Northeastern's comprehensive array of undergraduate and graduate programs-in on-campus, online, and hybrid formats-lead to degrees through the doctorate in nine colleges and schools. Among these, we offer more than 140 multidisciplinary majors and degrees designed to prepare students for purposeful lives and careers.

18 students named to Dean's List at Endicott

BEVERLY — Endicott College, the first college in the U.S. to require internships of its students, is pleased to announce its Fall 2021 Dean's List students. In order to qualify for the Dean's List, a student must obtain a minimum grade point average of 3.5; receive no letter grade below "C," have no withdrawal grades, and be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits for the semester.

The following students have met these requirements:

Tewksbury

- **Shane Aylward**, Exercise Science, son of Mary Aylward and Brian Aylward
- **Abigail Eskenas**, Libl Studies/Education, daughter of Beth Eskenas and Arnold Eskenas
- **Michael Fowler**, International Business and Sport Management, son of AnneMarie Fowler and Kenneth Fowler
- **Brianna Iandoli**, Psychology, daughter of Amy Iandoli and Richard Iandoli

- **Steven O'Connor**, Exercise Science, son of Nancy O'Connor and John O'Connor
- **Alyssa Piccolo**, Libl Studies/Education, daughter of Michelle Tower
- **Vanessa Rogers**, Interior Design, daughter of Ellen Rogers and Mark Rogers
- **Brandon Smith**, Hospitality Management, son of Christine Janeczak and Scott Smith

Wilmington

- **Morgan Bresnahan**, Engineering, daughter of Linda Bresnahan and John Bresnahan

- **Makayla Costa**, Business Management, daughter of Elizabeth Costa and John Costa

- **Rachel Difronzo**, Exercise Science/Pre-AT, daughter of Marisa Di Fronzo and Dino DiFronzo

- **Annabelle Kane**, Nursing, daughter of Lori Kane and Daniel Kane

- **Maeve Martins**, Nursing, daughter of Alicia Martins and Mario Martins

- **Allison Moody**, English, daughter of Diane Moody and Michael Moody

- **Abigail Silveira**, Marketing, daughter of Jennifer Silveira and James Silveira

- **Kayla Smith**, Nursing, daughter of Kelly Smith and Michael Smith
- **Stephen Smolinsky**, Finance, son of Margaret Smolinsky and Russell Smolinsky

- **Elizabeth Stokes**, Business Management, daughter of Kristen Stokes and Charles Stokes

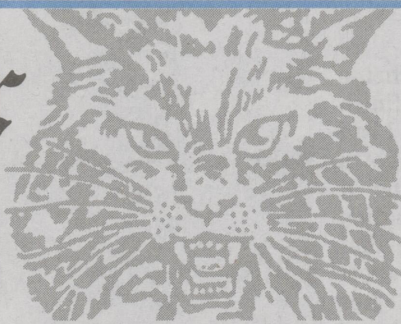
About Endicott College
Endicott College offers doctorate, master's, bachelor's, and associate degree programs at its campus on the scenic coast of Beverly, with additional sites online and at U.S. and international locations. Endicott remains true to its founding principle of integrating professional and liberal arts education.

For more, visit endicott.edu.

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Takes same position at Lynnfield High School

Athletic Director Mia Muzio to resign on June 30th

By JAMIE POTE
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WILMINGTON - On Tuesday afternoon, Wilmington's Superintendent of Schools Dr. Glenn Brand sent out a letter to parents confirming the weekend rumor that Wilmington High School Athletic Director Mia Muzio has resigned from her position, effective at the end of the school year, to take the same position at Lynnfield High School.

"Late last week, our Athletic Director, Ms. Mia Muzio, shared with me that she is accepting a position with the Lynnfield Public School District as their next Director of Athletics and K-12 Physical Education, Health and Wellness Coordinator. As a result, Ms. Muzio is resigning at the conclusion of the current school year.

"A primary point of attraction for her to this new role is based upon her desire to return to the Cape Ann League area where she grew up, as well as to expand her responsibilities of leading academic programs within a classroom setting. I want to take this opportunity and extend my appreciation to Ms. Muzio for her leadership during these last two years in Wilmington - especially during the challenging times in athletics that the pandemic brought about.

"In consideration of the timing of this vacancy, which does not leave much time before July 1, which is when planning for the fall season needs to commence, I have decided to forego a full candidate search at this time. Instead, we will fill the Athletic Director position with an interim candidate through an internal posting and then reassess our long-term plan in the late fall or early winter of next school year."

Back in March of 2020, Muzio was named the school's sixth official Athletic Director, following Larry Cushing, Sr., James Martin, Jim Gillis, Ed Harrison and Tim Alberts. Alberts had the position from July 1st of 2016 to June 30th of 2019, until he resigned to also switch to another school, Triton Regional, which also competes in the Cape Ann League, where Wilmington was a part of before moving to the Middlesex League in the Fall of 2011.

After Alberts left, Harrison came back on a one-year interim basis, before Muzio officially took over on July 1st of 2020.

About an hour after Brand sent his statement on Tuesday, Muzio sent her own stating:

"After thoughtful consideration, I have made the decision to resign from my position as the Director of Athletics at Wilmington High School at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year. I will be taking over as the Director of Athletics and K-12 Physical Education, Health and Wellness Coordinator for Lynnfield Public Schools.

"Since I began my journey to become an athletic director over ten years ago, I have always had a

strong desire to work in the Cape Ann League. This stems from my time as a student-athlete and coach, as well as the fact that I have a number of mentors that are athletic directors in the CAL. Additionally, as an administrator I have a desire to expand my skills in Physical Education, Health and Wellness leadership. An opportunity presented itself and ultimately, it is something that I could not pass up. I plan to be extensively involved in the transition process and will work closely with the high school and district administration to ensure a seamless transition and that all student-athletes and coaches are provided with the necessary support."

"I am beyond grateful for the opportunity to lead the athletic department over the past two years. It has been a pleasure to work with the student-athletes, coaches and community."

In her two years as Athletic Director, Muzio was extremely busy. She finalized the co-op/co-ed gymnastics program with Bedford, which had been jump started by Harrison, and that program had tremendous success this past winter, being one of the top four teams in the entire state and New England. She was a proponent of the WHS Girls Hockey program also getting into a joint program, joining Stoneham. This past season, that team reached the second round of the state tournament. Both of those co-op programs are two-year agreements. The third co-op program, swim-and-dive, which was formed when Alberts served, had a significant increase in participation numbers.

In addition to those things, Muzio added five new coaches to the staff with Lauren Donoghue for volleyball, Peter Mitchell in wrestling, Kristen Hannon with gymnastics and more recently Joe Patrone with cross-country and track, as well as Chris Frissore with girls lacrosse.

During her time as AD, Muzio was instrumental in revamping the school's athletic website and the entire athletic program being active on social media sites. She helped the WHS Hall of Fame Committee with a new way for nominations to be sent in. She assembled the student athlete's handbook, helped a number of programs get new uniforms and equipment, helped vastly improve the athletic booklets and was an advocate for the athletic store, promoting the school's apparel.

Muzio also organized a number of successful nights honoring both Kylie DuCharme and Tommy Mallinson, when they both surpassed 1,000 points in their basketball careers, as well as honoring all of the former WHS Wrestlers, who had 100 or more wins in their careers. She also initiated the "Student-Athletes of the Month" program. She has also been in the process of adding the new championship banners and flags to the gymnasium.

RESIGNATION B5W



After two years as the sixth official Athletic Director in Wilmington High School history, Mia Muzio announced on Tuesday that she will resign from the position effective June 30th and become the new Athletic Director at Lynnfield High School. (file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

From the Sports Editor's Desk

Many things need to be fixed before new permanent AD is named

By JAMIE POTE
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WILMINGTON - The revolving door continues here in Wilmington.

On Tuesday, the weekend rumor that Wilmington High School Athletic Director Mia Muzio was resigning to take the same position at Lynnfield High School was confirmed with statements from both Muzio and Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Glenn Brand.

Since Ed Harrison retired the first time on June 30th of 2016, the high school has seen Tim Alberts come and go (3 years), Harrison come back again on an interim basis for a year and Muzio come and go after two years (effective June 30th). In his letter to the parents, Brand said he will name an interim candidate until he elects to put forth a full candidate search, possibly to happen in the fall or winter. Thus when July 1st hits, four different people spanning six years will have sat in that AD's chair.

In her short time here, Muzio did a fantastic job. She was dealt many bad hands - many out of her control - and made something out of each one. She accomplished a lot and had so many ideas to accomplish even more. She truly cared about the student-athletes well-being and that can never be debated. She's leaving for a better opportunity at Lynnfield and she's going to be affiliated with the Cape Ann League, which she is more familiar with, all while being closer to home. Certainly you can't blame her.

And with the revolving door, it's apparent that the WHS Athletic Director's job is not one people really desire anymore. It's on the lower scale in terms of salary and benefits, there's obvi-

ous issues with parental behavior, student-athlete behavior and underage drinking, including three well-known instances since the fall.

Besides athletics, there are problems everywhere in town. Elementary schools and other buildings are falling apart and new ones needed to be built yesterday. The middle school is a complete mess with a different principal every year, and there's obvious bullying issues in that school as well as the high school.

On top of all of that, the numbers or lack thereof, are now becoming a major, major issue. Eighth graders and those younger are going off in droves to other schools for a number of different reasons, academically and athletically, according to the recent survey by Dr. Brand. The rumor is that next year's freshmen class at WHS will have 80 kids.

Eighty! Then you have other questions that need to be answered such as the possibility of a new ice rink/sports facility, possibly adding user's fees, adding other programs, or coaches, or going the other way and deleting programs. Then you have the million dollar question that needs to be answered: should Wilmington should remain in the Middlesex League? If not where do they go? Do you crawl back and beg either the Cape Ann League or Merrimack Valley Conference to take you back, knowing fully that there will be added transportation costs if you attempt to reunite with the CAL Schools. Or do you find another league and do what Tyngsboro did, leaving the Dual County League to play in Central Mass? Or do you go independent - in all

sports - for two years and figure some things out?

So how do you fix all of these problems or better yet, where do you start?

I have a suggestion or two.

I agree with Dr. Brand on not doing a full candidate search and name an interim. For the time being, let either Brian Caira or Jonathan Amico take over, or try to lure former administrative assistant Caroline Gattuso from Emerson College, since she has more experience than any other in-house candidate in terms of the ins-and-outs of the Wildcat athletic program and has experience with scheduling/facilities/marketing at two colleges, Merrimack and now Emerson.

Or another name on the radar could be girls' basketball coach Jessica Robinson, who has been nothing short of spectacular as a coach and leader for that program and in the school as a teacher.

If you name one of those four, I would highly recommend that a consultant is added. Hire someone who knows the ins-and-outs of all athletics, all sports, who can oversee the entire athletic program for at least a year, if not two when the full-time replacement is named. The consultant can work and try to help fix the many issues that continue to put Wilmington in a bad light.

If you add a retired Athletic Director type-person for example Jack Fletcher or Mary Ryan, or a retired WHS Hall of Fame coach like Paul Lyman or Jim McCune, or even bring in someone like Judy O'Connell or Mike Lombard, someone who knows this town, who has experience in all aspects of athletics - especially the ups and downs - perhaps Wilmington's image can be restored

sooner rather than later. Let's be honest, it's not a good one right now.

If you go that route, the consultant can help in so many areas. For instance, help develop the young coaches, help the coaches improve with leadership and teaching both sportsmanship and the X's and O's, while teaching those coaches the proper ways to develop student-athletes and teams on a yearly basis. The consultant can bring new ideas to the veteran coaches, help with the communication and interaction of the high school coaches and teams with the younger kids and help develop feeder programs.

With the help of some cash from the town, the consultant can help Wilmington move out of the Dark Ages and implement a weight training program for all teams and students, affiliated with sports or not. I still can't fathom for one second why this hasn't happened yet.

The consultant can help teach the interim Athletic Director how to put our fires, how to deal with parents, how to properly discipline coaches and/or student-athletes. And more importantly, especially if the consultant is from Wilmington, he/she can teach not only the next Athletic Director, but the coaches, teachers, school administrators, students, the student-athletes, the parents, the community members and most of all he youngsters coming up through the system, that Wilmington is a blue collar town, filled with incredibly hard-working people, who care about one another, and most of all have the utmost pride for the town they live in and represent.

That, the lack of pride, more than anything, is missing from Wilmington.

AD POSITION B5W

Days after reading Kathrine Switzer's book to her class, Michelle Mallon meets the legendary runner

Local teacher gets awestruck after finishing the Boston Marathon

By JAMIE POTE
Sports Editor

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BOSTON/WILMINGTON - Michelle Mallon always dreamt of running and finishing the Boston Marathon. Eight weeks ago she was given that opportunity as she matched up with a local charity foundation. In the back of her mind, she knew that she could do it, since after all she had done three Disney Marathons in Florida.

Just four days before Mallon, a fourth grade teacher in Andover, took the line at the 126th annual Boston Marathon and first on Patriots Day since 2019, she got a little emotional thinking about that

on, but also fulfilling another one. In a matter of seconds, she finished her first Boston Marathon and met one of her all-time idols.

"Ironically (last Thursday) I had read a book to my students, the 'Picture Book' from Kathrine Switzer. In the Picture Book there's a scene where it shows her taking the left onto Boylston Street and when I was reading that to my students, I got a little teary eyed thinking this going to be me in four days," said the 38-year-old.

Back in 1967, Switzer became the first woman to run the Boston Marathon as an officially

the finish line with a time of 5:07.07, lo and behold who was among the crowd, cheering the runners on?

"There was Kathrine Switzer, right at the finish line when I finished. I ran right up to her and got a picture with her and it was just the culmination of multiple dreams that came true, all in one short moment. To read her story, get teary eyed and that have her there when I finished watching her cheer on runners as they crossed the line, was just an amazing experience," said Mallon.

While Switzer ran in her 50th Boston Marathon, this was the first one for Mallon. A graduate of WHS in 2000, she didn't participate in sports, outside of two years of cheerleading and then outside of the school, several years of karate.

"I was not a runner. In high school, I remember my Physical Education teachers saying to me 'will you please just run the mile. You are athletic' and I would say 'I'm good, I'll just walk it'. If I could ever go to them now and say 'I just ran Boston' (they would be stunned)," she said with a laugh.

After graduating from WHS, Mallon attended Wheelock College and earned both her Undergraduate and Masters Degrees in Elementary Education. For the past 14 years she has been teaching in Andover, and several years before she landed that job, she started to take part in some local 5K road races.

"About 17 years ago, my Mom (Theresa Russo) and I, signed up for the Feaster-Five Road Race in Andover. At that time, I worked at Boston Sports Club, so there were a lot of people in our gym who did that race. We did that for a few years and that kind of became our annual tradition," explained Michelle.

That tradition turned into another one.

"Then her and I saw an ad in one of the Runner's Magazines for the Princess Half Marathon (in Florida) and that was right around the time I moved out from my parents house so we were looking for something to do together. We did our first one and we were just hooked. We made that our



After the completion of Monday's Boston Marathon, the runners, including Michelle Mallon, received their medals at the after party held at Fenway Park. (courtesy photo).

annual trip year-to-year and (recently) we just finished our fourteenth one."

While Mallon has done 14 half marathons and three Disney Marathons, she was hoping that someday she would get a chance to put her feet down on the 26.2 mile trek through Hopkinton and Boston.

"Growing up (outside) of Boston, I always went to the marathon and I loved doing that. I'm more of the running in a sparkly skirt, smiling the whole way and giving the five-highs, so qualifying for Boston has always been something that's been (on my radar). It's so inspirational reading all of the stories from everyone, but I'm five-feet tall so I'm not a super long stride runner, I'm more of the cheer squad type. It's always been a dream of mine and the two places that I would ever run a marathon are Disney and Boston. I have done three Disney ones so I checked that off, and the opportunity to run Boston came very quickly this year and I said 'I'm in'."

Through a friend of a friend, Mallon hooked up with 'Team Walker', which is "a nonprofit organization providing an array of therapeutic residential, educational, and

community-based programs for children facing emotional, behavioral, and learning challenges."

"I was matched up and (Team Walker) had some bibs and were looking for runners. I found out how much I needed to raise, and I had just eight weeks (to raise the money and train). Ironically the charity is special education and therapy unit organization. As a teacher, I was like that's pretty awesome so I said 'I'm in'. At that time (back in February) I was running a half marathon a week later, so I just figured that I would keep my training from there and then (Monday) happened. The organization was awesome - there were only four or five of us, so it was a smaller team."

While Mallon has been doing marathons and half marathons alone or with her mother, she's also been a part of Wilmington's Sole Sisters Club.

"I have two little kids so I don't get the chance to go out with the Sole Sisters as often, but the camaraderie that they bring to Wilmington the surrounding towns is just amazing," said Mallon, referring to the handful of other SSC runners and the large group of members

who volunteered to help the Boston Athletic Association. "I jumped on the bus with them in the morning, so the entire day from start to finish was just awesome. My family was out on Haverford Street with all of their matching shirts. My kids were out there for three or four hours waiting for me. To get those hugs and kisses and make that left onto Boylston was just unbelievable."

Mallon ended up meeting her husband Brendan and kids Kyler and Lennox on Haverford Street. But well before that, she didn't know if she could meet them for those much needed hugs and kisses.

"I stepped up to that starting line and then on mile four, I got to some hills and I was like 'oh, I don't know if I can do this again' but by Mile 16, I was like 'I'm ready to sign up for next year. This is awesome'. It was just a dream come true from start to finish," she said.

If would like to donate on behalf of 'Team Walker' and Michelle Mallon, you may do so by logging onto: [givenandgain.com/ap/michelle-mallon-raising-funds-for-walker-inc/](https://www.givenandgain.com/ap/michelle-mallon-raising-funds-for-walker-inc/)



Wilmington resident Michelle Mallon is all smiles knowing she had one mile left to go during Monday's Boston Marathon. (courtesy photo).

famous left-hand turn onto Boylston Street.

So when Monday came and she had already made that turn and was a few hundred feet away from crossing that finish line, she quickly realized that not only was she meeting that lifetime dream head

competitive runner. She was assaulted during the race by Jock Semple, before her boyfriend, Thomas Miller pushed him down, so she could finish the race.

While being energized by the incredible crowd on hand as Mallon crossed

Jill Chisholm once again top local finisher; among best in her division

Seven Wilmington runners complete the 26.2 mile trek

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BOSTON/WILMINGTON - For the past three years, hundreds and thousands of people were anxiously awaiting for their chance to get back on the Boston Streets.

And it finally happened.

After COVID-19 cancelled the Patriots Day event in 2020 and 2021, and instead a virtual marathon and then a Fall Marathon were set in place which were obviously not the same, Monday morning brought back sunny skies, an incredible loud, energized and jammed pack crowd, and over 30,000 runners who competed in the 126th Boston Marathon.

Of the 30K runners, 7 came from Wilmington, according to the BAA Website. They, along with several others who have community ties, were part of the first Patriots Day Marathon in 1,099 days, one which represented all 50 states and 120 countries from around the world.

The top local finisher was once again Jill Chisholm, the founder of the extremely popular Sole Sisters Club. During the fall marathon, she was third in her age group for women, which is truly incredible and on Monday,

the 50-year-old crossed the finish line at 3:16.06, which was 13th in her age division, while she as 954th out of all of the women who competed. This was her sixth Boston Marathon and 14th in total, and while she said she had a tremendous experience once again, she was disappointed with her time.

"I had a little bit of a tough day out there. I was a little bit off my goal so it was a tough day for me. I'm happy that I finished and the runners (from Sole Sisters Club and the ones I coach) did very well out there. We had great weather, a little windy, but I was a little disappointed with my time.

"I'm not sure (why I struggled) but I had a little bit of cramping early on. But overall it was a great day to be out there. I was so excited that the marathon was back on Patriots Day. The crowd was absolutely amazing out there. Everyone seemed to just come out probably because it was the first Marathon held on Patriots Day in three years. It was just great to be back there. I was excited to be out there with my other Sole Sisters and all of them had really great races so that makes me



JILL CHISHOLM

really happy as a coach. I didn't have my best day, so as long as somebody did, so that made me happy.

"I was probably about ten minutes slower than I expected to be. I just didn't have my best day but that's what being a marathon runner is about. I was cramping up early and it definitely wasn't a reflection on my fitness. Stuff like that happens, it's a marathon and it's really tough on your body and you don't always have your best day, but compa-

rably I was the 954th female out of like 10,000, so that's pretty good. I finished in the top one percent, but I still wanted to finish second or third in my age group but it doesn't always work out that way."

She added that during her struggles, she wondered if she should continue and quickly those dark thoughts went away.

"I was kind of questioning my life's decision and wondering if I would ever be back there, but I will, I'll be back there next April," she said.

For the past few years, Chisholm has been a running coach and one her of students is Cathy D'Augusta, who the Town Crier featured in last week's edition. A member of the SSC, Chisholm's work with her friend truly paid off as D'Augusta had a big personal record, finishing at 4:53.07.

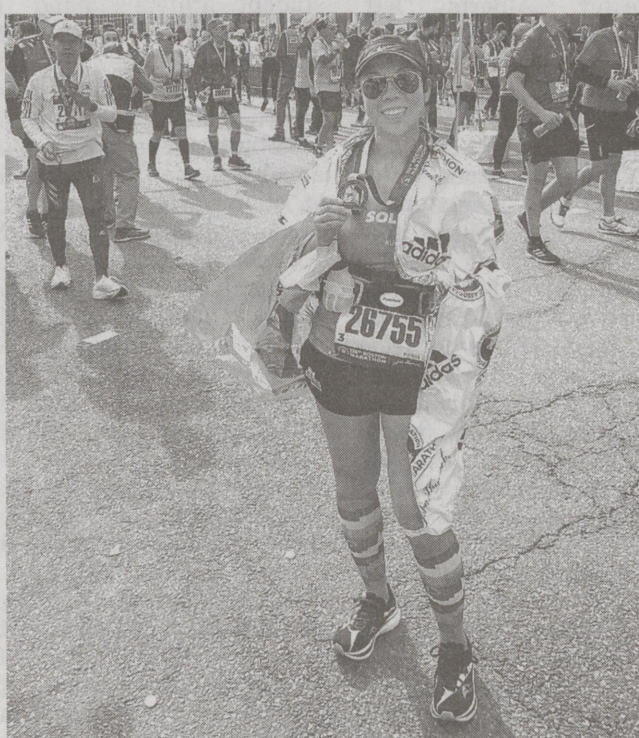
"It was a pretty amazing day on the course. There were spectators the entire 26.2 miles, including many of my friends and family members. It was clear that everyone was celebrating the return of the Boston Marathon on Patriots' Day. The weather was almost perfect - could have used a little less sun, but I'm not complaining.

"The best volunteer station was at Mile 22. My running Club, the Sole Sisters Running Club was stationed there. They give off so much energy. They gave me the motivation to move and finish strong. The course was as I expected as I had practiced many long runs there and so glad I did. I teared up at miles one and six. I thought I would cry as I ran down Boylston Street to finish but I didn't. There was so much energy there and I

was just ready to finish."

Also crossing the finish line from Wilmington included Keith McDonald, 38, at 4:01.06, Devyn Malatesta, 24, at 4:25.07, veteran Kevin Yetman, 52, at 4:36.17, another veteran Sherry Iuliano, 54, at 4:56.02 and newcomer Michelle Mallon, 39, at 5:07.57.

PJ Heffernan, a WHS Graduate, now 42, finished at 4:39.47.



Cathy D'Augusta is all smiles after completing the Boston Marathon.

Wilmington Little League holds first parade since 2018

The sights and beautiful sounds of opening day

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WILMINGTON - One year shy of the 70th anniversary of Wilmington Little League, the organization proudly celebrated its first parade since 2018 to kick off the new season on a beautiful Saturday morning.

Approximately 250 of the 400 youngsters in the program (the older kids had conflicts with other sports) marched from the Town Common to Rotary Park along with the Police and Fire Departments, and other featured guests. The march stopped at Rotary Park for additional ceremonies, which included two veterans throwing out the first pitch, a former player performing the National Anthem on his trumpet, followed by three games.

"I thought we had a great day," said first-year league president Mike Tentindo. "First and foremost, the weather cooperated, so that was challenging for one but we got through it."

While the weather cooperated, so did a long list of people and organizations, who all made the fun-filled day go so smoothly from start to finish.

"This was my first parade as president and the first one we've had since 2018. The one in 2019 was cancelled due to rain (and then the pandemic cancelled the last two years)," said Tentindo. "What I realized through the process is there's a lot of people who make this happen. It was really cool from my perspective seeing all of the different organizations come together to get it done right."

"A few phone calls and these people were mobilized. The Kiwanis Club does all of the hot dogs for the kids. We had honor guards from the Police and Fire Departments, the Minutemen and the American Legion, they all pulled together in a moment's notice. The Police and Fire Departments, especially Anthony Fiore on the police side, coordinated all of the street closures and on the fire side, we had the trucks in the parade, as well as the honor guards. Those agencies were just phenomenal to work with and it was just so great to see everyone pull together."

"Also, the Wilmington Select Board showed up, Town Manager Jeff Hull came and so did State Representative David Robertson and I had never met him before so

I had some real nice conversations with those folks. They all came down and spent the day and marched in the parade, so that was really nice. They were all really engaged, really excited and really happy to be there, like everyone else."

This year's parade included two additional teams.

"We had a couple of teams participate that we normally wouldn't have. The (Wilmington High School) Varsity Baseball team marched, along with head coach Aldo Caira and assistant coach Connor Zaya. They came down and marched with us and the players went to their old teams if they had one, which was really fun," said Tentindo. "We also had a Middle School Jr. Select defending state champions team from last spring march with us. They were in this big military vehicle, which was really cool. Those kids were in uniform and had their banner."

"I think it was really neat for the younger kids, both the boys and the girls, to see the varsity players, to see the middle school championship team and players, and get to meet and chat with them. That was neat and kind of a full circle moment for them."

From there, the players gathered at Rotary Park and after a few guest speakers, Joey Dynan, a senior co-captain on the high school team and former little league player, performed the National Anthem on his trumpet.

After that, two local residents, Norm Stone and Rafael Cruz, both Veterans, threw out the ceremonial first pitch. That followed with the first of three games on the night, with the Major League Orioles defending their league title, matched up against the Yankees.

"We had three games after the parade, which is different from years past. The Orioles played the Yankees and then we had our other two major league teams play afterwards with the Red Sox and Royals and those were both really good games."

"Then the 5:30 game we had two of our Triple-A teams play, which is rare for them so they had a fun time down there as well."

This year, the organization has approximately 400-410 kids involved, including four teams at the Rookie Level, five teams at the Single-A Minor League, six teams at the Triple-A Minor League Level, four



In the top two pictures, youth baseball and softball players march in Saturday's Little League Parade; Above, WHS senior Mark Dynan performs the National Anthem on his trumpet; Below are the members of the defending Middle School State Championship Team, which includes from left, Coaches Bill Lovell, Dennis Walsh, Brennan Walsh, Luca Gabardi, Trevor Sullivan, Jake Carr, William Trach, Connor Lovell, Andrew Almeida, Cam Kelley, Ayden Balter, Coach Steve Sullivan and Coach Jay Kelley; and below enjoying a hot dog, supplied by the Kiwanis Club and the Town Crier's former boss Stu Neilson, is six-year-old Joseph Bottari.

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teams at the Major League level, two teams at the Intermediate Level (13 year-olds), two Senior League teams, and then the Middle School select team.

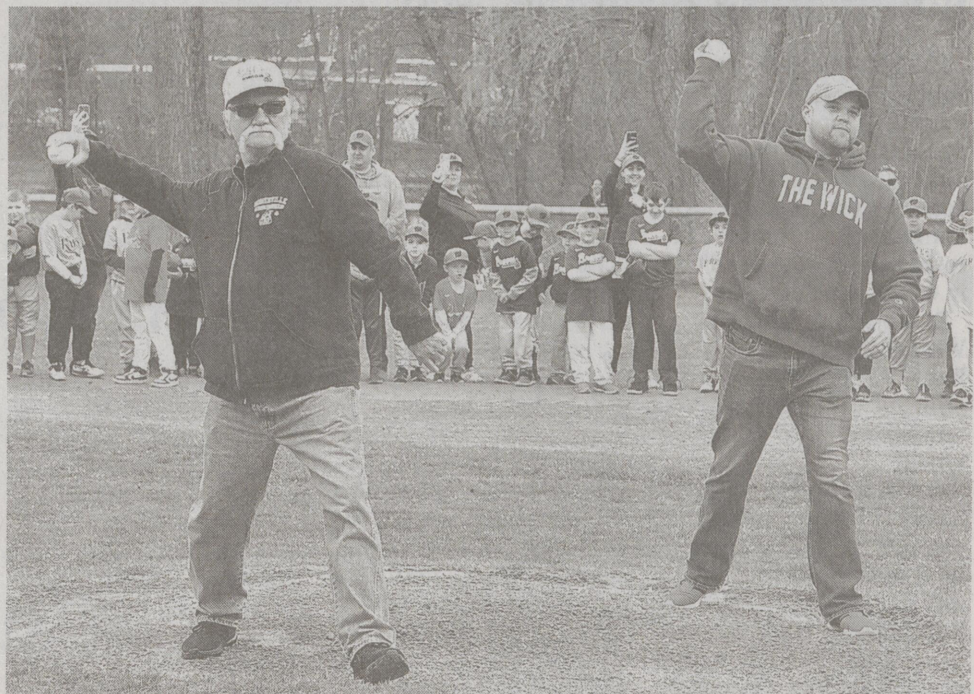
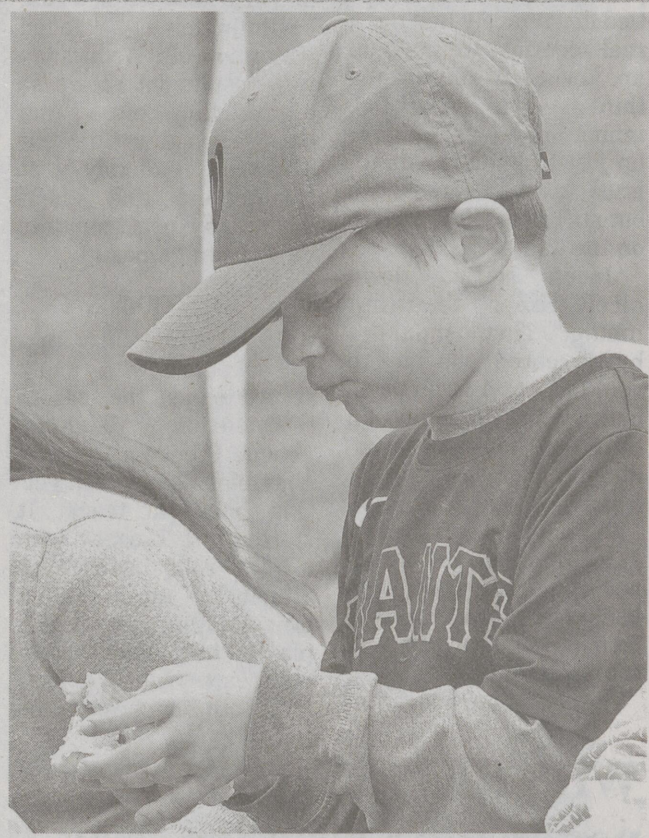
"Overall, it was just a really good day. The Kiwanis Club was such a big help cooking the hot dogs. They do it every year and everything goes so well," said Tentindo. "We gave away a lot of old uniforms and a lot of old stuff that we had and basically had a uniform swap with hats and pants and that went really well."

Tentindo added that scholarships are being

offered to those former players who can apply by going on the league's website. Also, the information regarding the annual Golf Tournament will be released soon, while he said that currently there's about five open spots on the WLL Board of Directors that need to be filled.

"There's a job for everyone, regardless of how much time you can give, we can use the help," he said.

The Town Crier is asking for all baseball and softball coaches to send in their weekly game reports to jamiepote@hotmail.com.



On the left, Wilmington Little League President Mike Tentindo (kneeling) with help from board member Paul Maiella, help get a handful of youth softball players to yell out 'Play Ball' as part of the opening day ceremonies; Above Norm Stone (left) and Rafael Cruz, two Veterans, throw out the ceremonial first pitch.

(photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



WHS Sports Round-Up: Softball, Tennis and Lacrosse teams also in action

Baseball team falls flat in loss to Stoneham

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STONEHAM - Coming off a thrilling 8-6 win over Wakefield two days earlier, the thought or the hope was that the Wilmington High School Baseball team would carry that momentum over to its next game and come out with another win. Unfortunately, that didn't happen, as the 'Cats fell pretty flat against Stoneham last Thursday.

On a cold, drizzly day, it took just 80 minutes for the Spartans to come away with a 4-1 victory. Wilmington managed just five singles in the game, had two base running blunders and also left six other runners on base.

Offensively the bats were very quiet until the last inning when the 'Cats scored their lone run on two hits, a stolen base and a defensive error in the outfield.

"That's been the story so far this season. We really haven't got going offensively. We only had 19 hits (in three games) coming into today's game and today (we had five)," said head coach Aldo Cairra. "We did hit some balls hard today and they did make some nice defensive plays, so we didn't get any luck there. But (the biggest problem) was we were flat. I don't know if it was the weather, but we didn't practice well (on Wednesday) and we were coming off a real nice win (last Tuesday). I think they were feeling their oats a little bit, thought maybe (they would roll past Stoneham). That's just the way it is, it's a high school team. We were flat to start (and ever got anything going)."

Stoneham struck early with three runs in the bottom of the first which was more than what they needed on the day for the win. Lead-off hitter Pat McNamara and then No. 6 hitter Joe Celli both struck triples, while a walk, stolen base and another single and stolen base was sandwiched between.

After that first inning, pitcher Jacob Roque settled down nicely and did a real nice job. He gave up an unearned run in the third and over his last five innings of work, he gave up just two singles, didn't issue a walk and struck out six of his eight batters on the day.

"Jacob settled down nicely after the first inning. They shouldn't have scored the fourth run, but baseball is baseball. We left three guys on third base, had a baserunning blunder, so it is what it is," said Cairra.

Wilmington left a runner at third in the first, a runner at second in the second inning, had runners thrown out at home and third in the fifth.

Then in the seventh,

trailing 4-0, Brian Curdo started a one-out, bases empty rally with a single to left. Pinch-runner Liam Dwyer then stole second and scored when Jack Toomey singled to right field and drive in Dwyer and the ball was mis-played allowing Toomey to move up a base.

At the time Cairra spoke to the Town Crier, the game on Monday against Arlington had not been cancelled, and he was looking forward to having the team get back on track.

"I'm OK with our (2-2 record). We have Arlington and that will be a tough match-up and then we have Watertown and Melrose. If we can go 2-1 in the three games next week, I'll be happy and we can go from there. Today was not our best game, so we'll have to build off of it," he said.

Arlington's field was under water so Monday's game was cancelled with no make up date announced yet. The 'Cats faced Watertown on Wednesday with results not known as of press time, before hosting Melrose and Burlington on Friday and Monday, both 4:15 pm starts.

SOFTBALL

The Wildcats played two games this past week, both times they were on one side of a lopsided score. It started with a 13-1 win over Stoneham played last Thursday and then Saturday, Wilmington was defeated by Tewksbury, 16-2 in a non-league game. The split in games puts Wilmington at 2-3 on the season.

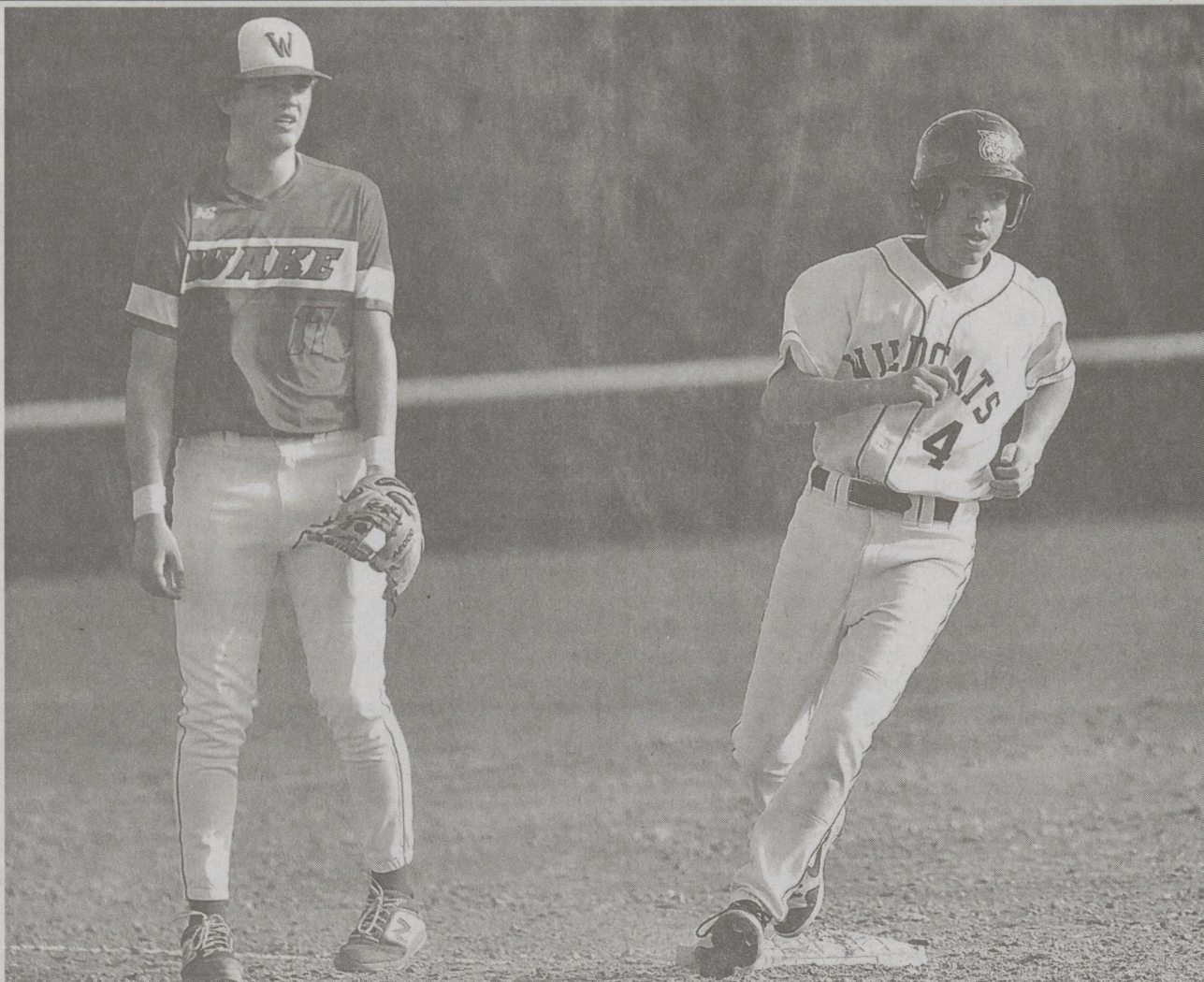
In the win, Lily MacKenzie and Bella Kieran provided the sparks as they combined to go 7-for-7 at the plate, with MacKenzie belting a triple and scoring four times, while Kieran had a double, triple and 5 RBI.

In the loss to Tewksbury, Abby LaClair and MacKenzie led the attack with two hits each. LaClair also drew a walk and scored a run, and MacKenzie scored a run and also knocked in a run. Wilmington faced Watertown on Wednesday with results not known as of press time before going on the road Friday at Melrose, Monday at Burlington and next Wednesday at Lexington, all 4:15 pm games.

BOYS TENNIS

After starting out with a rough patch with a 1-3 record to open the season, the defending Middlesex League Freedom Division champions have been getting back on track. It started last Tuesday with a 5-0 road win over Stoneham and carried over to this past week's play with another 5-0 win over Watertown.

"In both matches, we did



Wilmington's Nate Pecker wheels around third base, while Wakefield's John Porter looks on from the hot corner, during an earlier season home game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



Tewksbury's Sydney Whalen is caught in a rundown between second and third base, while, Wilmington's Grace Walsh covers second and Cassandra Tibbetts covers third as they try to get her out during Saturday's non-league match-up. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

not lose a set, so (it's nice to see that we are) 3-3 right now. I think the team is improving daily, but we do have a busy schedule ahead," said coach Rob Mailey.

Lately the play from the two doubles teams seems to have given the team a jolt. In the win over Watertown, Owen Mitchell and Sarthak Tripathi defeated Sid Hackett and Sorigis Sedrakyan, 6-0, 6-0. The second tandem of Eric Packer and Michael Smaroff defeated Yu Ngo and Sean Gutley also by the same, 6-0, 6-0 scores.

"Our doubles players are playing with more discipline and making fewer unforced errors. Owen Mitchell and Sarthak have been holding down the fort at first doubles, while any combination of Eric Packer, Ryan Weinstein, and Michael Smaroff have all contributed at second doubles," said Mailey.

In singles play, senior captain Anay Gandhi defeated Adam Petterson in straight 6-1, 6-1 sets, as did his brother Anuj at second singles, over Cyrus Keiri. Then at third singles, Sidd Karani also won his match over Dave Kostikian, 6-2, 6-0.

After 11 days off, Wilmington will return to action on Monday, April 25th in the first of three straight home matches, followed by matches with Burlington on the 27th and Lexington on the 29th.

GIRLS TENNIS

Last Thursday, the Wilmington High School Girls Tennis team was defeated by Watertown, 4-1, to fall to 0-6 on the season.

"It was a tough close loss. I really thought we had a good chance to grab our first win of the year but Watertown was tough and snuck out a close one," said head coach Matt Hackett. "Obviously it would be nice to have grabbed a win or two at this point in the season, but honestly the girls have improved each time out there and the JV team is showing some nice progress as well. The girls have a fantastic attitude and are looking forward to hitting the ground running after vacation."

While the team's record may say 0-6, second singles player, senior Alyssa Fricia is far from winless as an individual player. She is currently 4-2 on the season, which included the lone win of the match, defeating Nina Palvette, 6-1, 6-1 at the No. 2 singles spot.

"Alyssa is playing phenomenal tennis. It's impressive how well she has adapted to singles after being a doubles player for three years," said Hackett. "Her athleticism is her biggest asset that has helped her in that transition. The last two matches she has completely outmatched and outworked her opponents."

They were dominant from start to finish. She's gaining confidence along the way as well. To be 4-2 thus far at second singles speaks volumes."

In the other two singles matches, freshman Shubhangi Tripathi was defeated by Eva Kelleher, 6-2 and 6-0, and then at the third spot, Carolyn Haas-Timm was defeated by Natalie Yusen, 6-1 and 6-4.

In doubles play, the team of Madison Benoit and Sophia LaVita took their match to three sets, winning the first 6-2, before falling in the next two, 7-5 and 6-4.

"Maddie and Sophia are really beginning to gel together after having been separated for the first two matches of the year," said Hackett. "I thought they played phenomenal doubles the past two matches. They have been controlling the net, serving consistently, communicating well and moving together. When they are 'on' it's fun to watch. The three-set loss was certainly a bummer, but Watertown got better as the match went on. I feel as though (Madison and Sophia) will beat them the next time we see them and we scratch this one up as a learning experience."

In the other match, Maria Cummings and Gracy Giamarco were defeated by Mairead Connolly and Ellena Kani,

6-1 and 6-3.

Wilmington will have 11 days off between matches, the next one on April 25th on the road at Melrose. The 'Cats will stay on the road for matches against Burlington and Lexington on Wednesday and Friday.

BOYS LACROSSE

On Friday night under the lights at Cawley Stadium, the WHS Boys Lacrosse team took care of business with a 15-2 win over Lowell in a non-league game. Nathan Alberti led the way offensively with three goals, while Bobby Cyr had a strong game on defense and goalie Owen White made eight saves.

"This was a good team win and it (should) helps us build towards our next opportunity," said coach Jeff Keefe. "Thanks to Lowell (they gave us a) great effort."

On Tuesday, Wilmington was defeated by Lynnfield, 11-4, putting their record at 1-4.

GIRLS LACROSSE

The Wildcats are off to an 0-5 start with losses to Austin Prep (14-1), Reading (16-1), Winchester (16-1), Watertown (15-3) and Arlington (16-1).

The team will be off for nine days before resuming on Wednesday, April 22nd in a non-league game with Waltham.

WHS Hall of Fame nomination deadline, May 1

The Wilmington High School Athletic Hall of Fame Committee has announced that the nomination deadline for this year is May 1, 2022. All nominations must be received by the deadline in order to be considered. Established in 1990, Wilmington's Hall of Fame honors the school's athletes, coaches, benefactors, and special contributors.

The selection process is based on the rule that the candidates for induction be evaluated on what they did in sports while at Wilmington High School exclusively. Achievements in sports while at college or at the professional level will have no bearing on the selection committee's deliberations.

To be eligible for nomi-

nation, the athletes must have participated in at least one varsity sport. Athletes nominated for the Hall of Fame must have graduated at least ten years prior to nomination.

The committee prefers that nominations are submitted electronically via the "Online Nomination Form" located at the website below, however, a "Hard Copy Nomination Form" (located on the website below) may also be emailed to wildcatathof@gmail.com or sent through the mail to Wilmington High School, C/O Athletic Director, 159 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

https://whs.wpsk12.com/families_and_students/athletics_department/hall_of_fame

Wilmington Little League offering scholarships

Wilmington Little League is excited to announce that we are now accepting applications for our 2022 scholarships! A scholarship will be awarded to one deserving alum from our softball program, as well as one from our baseball program.

Criteria: The annual awards will be presented to two deserving residents of the Town of Wilmington based on his/her contributions to the Wilmington Little

League program as displayed by his/her sportsmanship, leadership, and general overall attitude. Playing ability is not a consideration for this award.

The applicants must have either participated or volunteered in a Wilmington Little League program (softball or baseball) for at least four years.

Annual amount: To be designated by the Selection Committee.

Use of Scholarship: To be used for continuing education towards a degree program or to a vocational school. The funds are to be paid to the student after the successful completion of student's first college or vocational semester.

Scholarship applications are due no later than May 15th and can be submitted via one of the following methods: Google Form - <https://forms.gle/BVojgmzVgLRKsFAN8>

Email - Fill out the application and send to wllscholarship@outlook.com. The application can be found on our website, <http://www.wilmingtonlittleleague.org/.../WLL-SCHOLARSHIP>

Mail- Print and mail the application to PO Box 328 Wilmington.

If you have any questions please email LL President Mike Tentindo, wllprez@outlook.com.

Both Shawsheen Tech Baseball and Boys Lacrosse teams remain unbeaten

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CANTON - The perfect start has continued for the Shawsheen Tech Baseball team. This past week, the Rams edged out Lowell Catholic, 2-1 last Thursday and then blanked Blue Hills Regional, 7-0, on Friday to improve to 5-0 on the young season.

"It's been great to be off to a strong start this year. The returning veterans are picking up right where we left off last year. The defense has been solid in all five games and the pitching - which is where we were young - has been a tremendous pleasant surprise," said head coach Brian McCarthy. "The offense is still heating up and its been good to see us win games in multiple fashions. We've won a few close ones, including Bedford 1-0 and Lowell Catholic 2-1. Then we've won a few games by wide margins as well when the offense really opens up. That is nice to see as a coach, a team that can win in a variety of ways."

The guys have worked really hard all pre-season and for the past month in this early going of the season. They are a fun bunch to be around and I'm excited to see how far they can take it."

In the game against Lowell Catholic, the Rams were down 1-0 after the Crusaders scored a run in the bottom of the third. But Shawsheen answered right back in the top of the fourth when sophomore catcher Brendan Lee singled up the middle to score Maverick Bourdeau.

The score remained tied at 1-1 going to the top of the seventh. Sophomore

Evan Galanis of Tewksbury got things going for the Rams with a lead-off single. He was sacrificed to second by senior Shane Costello. Bourdeau followed with a sharp single up the middle to score Galanis with what proved to be the game winner.

Aiden MacLeod, who went the distance on the mound, retired the Crusaders down in order in the seventh to hold on to the win. He scattered six hits and struck out five.

"He worked very efficiently and had great defense behind him all day," said McCarthy.

Bourdeau led the way with the bat with three hits, while scoring a run and knocking in one. Lee and Galanis has the other hits.

In the 7-0 win over Blue Hills, senior Jack Glennon was the story as he pitched a one-hit shutout. The one hit didn't come until the seventh inning.

"It only took him 69 pitches for the seven innings," said McCarthy. "Jack previously had a few relief outings but today was his first start. He came ready to play. He was cruising right from the start, mixing his pitches effectively, keeping hitters off-balance and working efficiently. Catcher Robbie Welch (Tewksbury) called a great game behind the dish and the defense was phenomenal all day. Jack throws a good mix of pitches and throws a heavy ball - so we got a bunch of ground ball outs today."

Offensively, junior Mike Maselli of Wilmington led the way. It was his bases loaded triple in the fifth inning which broke the game open. He finished



Shawsheen Tech Baseball Pitcher Conlen Powell unleashes a pitch during an earlier season home game. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

with two hits, two walks and five RBI. Bourdeau scored two runs, Owen Duggan had two hits and scored three times and Lee had a hit and an RBI.

On Tuesday, Shawsheen completed the two-game home-and home series sweep of Blue Hillis with a 15-5 thumping to improve to 6-0.

Bourdeau had a monster game, including six RBI on a pair of clutch bases clearing hits, the first a triple in the second inning, followed by a double in the third inning.

Maselli had another big day with three hits, two RBI and scored a run, while, Aiden MacLeod had two hits, scored twice and

knocked in one.

The winning pitcher was MacLeod, who tossed three innings of scoreless relief and surrendered only three hits.

Shawsheen will be back in action with a short road trip to Bedford on Thursday morning (11 am), before hosting North Reading on Saturday at 11 am, and staying at home on Tuesday to face Whittier starting at 4 pm.

BOYS LACROSSE

The Shawsheen Baseball team is not the only spring program to be off to a strong start. The Rams Varsity Boys Lacrosse team easily got past Northeast (18-1) and

Whittier (17-0) from Wednesday and Friday of this past week.

"Our defense did a great job in both (games)," said head coach Chuck Baker. "We're playing well, but the competition has been shaky."

In the win over Northeast, Dylan Timmons of Wilmington, Kyle Brouillette and Rich Elliott each had three goals. In the win over Whittier, Brouillette and Adam Priest had three goals each and then Dylan Timmons, Zack Timmons and Kyle Gray, all of Wilmington, had two each.

On Tuesday, the Rams pulled off a huge win,

beating Middlesex League power Belmont, 10-6, to up the team's record to 5-0. Dylan Timmons led the way with three goals and two assists, while Jacob Martins of Wilmington had two goals and two assists and Derek Maguire had two goals.

Baker said the defense "was awesome" which included 14 saves by goalie Tyler Leeds.

Shawsheen will be back in action when they travel to Minuteman on Monday and then Gr. Lowell on Wednesday, both games scheduled for 4 pm starts.

Returning to Athletics Post-Covid-19

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The year 2022 is upon us and unfortunately, so is COVID-19... still. Two years have passed since the start of the pandemic and though sports have resumed, many athletes are still unable to compete at the same caliber as before.

Whether it is because of cancellations, spikes in cases, lack of players, or contracting it themselves,

athletes from youth to professional are missing out on hours they would normally be spending on the court/ice/field/etc. In addition, athletes who contract COVID-19 are now spending up to two weeks in isolation and even more weeks with lasting symptoms. The purpose of this blog post is to discuss safe means for athletes to return to their sport following a bout of COVID-19.

Activity following a period of detraining (ie. two

weeks of quarantine) can result in injury, especially if resumed too aggressively. One of the most common and lasting symptoms of COVID-19 is fatigue which can last for weeks even after you come out of isolation.

It is important for athletes to pace themselves and not rush back into their normal routine. Whether that routine includes sports, weight training, or for working individuals, a physically demanding occupation.

Before getting back to exercise, you need to be able to perform a "typical" day of activity. For example, household chores or school/workplace activities that are not physically demanding but may be mentally draining. Once you are able to handle daily activities, try adding in light activities. These include light cardio (ie. walking, biking) and light sports-specific exercises that an athlete can perform at home or on the sidelines.

Once light activities are tolerated, trial moderate-intensity exercise such as weightlifting, running, and light plyometrics.

It is important to regain the strength and endurance that the athlete embodied prior to their quarantine. Returning to high intensity exercise should only occur follow-

ing a gradual lead up as previously mentioned.

Please reference below for a guided return-to-sport process:

1. Normal day-to-day activities (return-to-school, return-to-work)
2. Low load cardio (walking, biking for 20+ minutes)
3. Light strengthening (body weight) and individual sports-specific activities (dribbling, throwing, shooting, serving, etc)
4. Moderate intensity exercise (weighted lifts, running, jumping)
5. High intensity exercise (heavy lifting, sprinting, agility/plyometrics) and sports practice
6. Full return-to-sport

COVID-19 has affected us all differently, and it is important to remember

that recovering from an illness, especially if symptoms are intense and lasting, needs to be handled like recovering from an injury. If not, athletes may very well find themselves stuck on the sidelines anyways, due to a preventable injury.

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Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
Tewksbury High Sports				
Thursday	April 21	V Softball	vs Andover	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 21	V Baseball	at Dracut	4:00 pm
Monday	April 25	V Baseball	vs Billerica	3:45 pm
Monday	April 25	V Girls Tennis	vs Lowell	4:00 pm
Monday	April 25	V Softball	at North Andover	4:00 pm
Monday	April 25	V Girls Lacrosse	at Burlington	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 26	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Billerica	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 26	V Boys Lacrosse	at Billerica	6:30 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Girls Tennis	vs NDA	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Baseball	at Haverhill	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Softball	at Haverhill	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 28	V Girls Tennis	vs Andover	3:30 pm
Thursday	April 28	V Softball	at North Reading	4:15 pm
Wilmington High Sports				
Thursday	April 21	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Lowell Catholic	11:00 am
Friday	April 22	V Softball	at Melrose	4:15 pm
Friday	April 22	V Baseball	vs Melrose	4:15 pm
Monday	April 25	V Girls Lacrosse	at Lynnfield	4:00 pm
Monday	April 25	V Boys Tennis	vs Melrose	4:00 pm
Monday	April 25	V Girls Tennis	at Melrose	4:15 pm
Monday	April 25	V Baseball	vs Burlington	4:15 pm
Monday	April 25	V Softball	at Burlington	4:15 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Boys Tennis	vs Burlington	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Girls Tennis	at Burlington	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Girls Lacrosse	at Wakefield	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Baseball	vs Lexington	4:15 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Softball	at Lexington	4:15 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Boys Lacrosse	vs Wakefield	5:00 pm
Shawsheen Tech Sports				
Thursday	April 21	V Baseball	at Bedford	11:00 am
Friday	April 22	V Softball	at Waltham	12:00 pm
Saturday	April 23	V Baseball	vs North Reading	10:00 am
Monday	April 25	V Tennis	at Nashoba Tech	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 26	V Baseball	vs Whittier Tech	4:00 pm
Tuesday	April 26	V Softball	at Whittier Tech	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Tennis	vs Fellowship	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Boys Lacrosse	at Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Wednesday	April 27	V Girls Lacrosse	vs Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 28	V Baseball	at Northeast	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 28	V Softball	vs Northeast	4:00 pm
Thursday	April 28	B/G Track	vs Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm

Middle School Baseball team wins season opener over Stoneham

The Wilmington Middle School Baseball team won its home opener last Thursday against Stoneham, 6-3, in a well-played game by both teams.

Wilmington got on the board in the first inning. Jake Banda scored after getting hit by a pitch, followed by a double by Jake Carr and a single by Eric Banda.

After Stoneham tied the game in the top of the third, Wilmington regained the lead in the bottom of the frame. With one out, back-to-back singles by David Dynan and Ryan Gray set the table. Their speed was the difference as they were able to score on a couple of ground outs to take the lead 3-1 after three innings.

In the fourth, after a walk to Jonathan Stokes,

Ronnie Jordan perfectly executed a bunt and run play sacrifice that resulted in Stokes on third base with one out. But Stoneham pitching tightened up and got the next two batters to strand the runner on third.

Wilmington had masterful pitching in this game. Will Poyant went four-plus innings on the mound giving up only one hit while striking out six to get the win.

Stoneham closed the gap to 4-3 with single runs in the fifth and sixth innings. They may have tied the game if not for a great defensive play by Jake Banda who threw out a Stoneham runner at the plate from centerfield.

Wilmington extended it's lead to 6-3 in the bottom of the sixth on a single by Jake Banda and a triple by Carr. Eric Banda then

knocked in Carr for the final run.

Noah Titterington did an excellent job pitching in relief to secure the save. He came in with runners in scoring position and got the third out on a strike out to end the fifth inning. He again struck out a batter with runners on base to end the sixth inning.

The defense helped out Titterington in the seventh. Shane McDonald made a nice play at third base to get the first out of the inning. Then Carr snared a line drive at shortstop and caught the runner at second off base for a game-ending double play.

The team is now 1-1 on the young season and had a game this Tuesday against North Reading and this Thursday against Lynnfield.

Pee Wee Blue Hockey team defeats Tewksbury to win League Title

On Sunday, April 10, the Wilmington Youth Hockey Pee Wee Blue Team (31-11-2) completed their nine-month long season by winning The Valley League Pee Wee East National Division Championship 3-2 over Tewksbury, at the Haverhill Valley Forum.

It was a great season for the Pee Wee Blue Team. They started strong winning their first nine games. The defense, led by Jack Cyr, Andrew LaRosee, Abigail O'Donoghue and James Savoie played tough, limiting their opponents' scoring chances. Leading the offensive attack were forwards Cody Mastronardi, Henry Almeda and Patrick Moriarty, all scoring key goals during the 9-0 run.

In December, the Blue Team went on a six-game winning streak with great fore checking by Joseph Angiuoni and Cameron Jaynes. While the defensive pair of Colin Doherty and Braedan Vanisky smothered opponents' top players. Wilmington finished the regular season as the third seed heading into the playoffs.

Matching up with Beverly in the quarterfinals, the Blue Team started slow but thanks to Dylan Mainini (26 saves) keeping the game close, only found themselves down 2-0 late in the second period.

Jonathan Cavanaugh scored on a rebound to make it 2-1 with two minutes left in the second period with Moriarty getting the assist.

Then, late in the third period, with an offensive face off and the goalie pulled, Nathan Murphy won the draw back to Moroney who slapped the puck into the far corner of the net with ten seconds left to save the Wildcats season and send the game to a 3-on-3 overtime.

Both teams had scoring chances in the first two minutes of overtime, but the goalies stood tall. After a battle in the neutral zone, Almeda won the puck to Moroney who skated by a defender and deked the goalie to win the game for the Wildcats.

In the semifinals, the Blue Team drew the No. 2 seed Melrose, who was 2-0 against the Wildcats during the regular season. Moroney gave Team Blue the lead halfway thru the first period after he picked up the puck in the neutral zone weaved his way thru and buried a high wrist shot. Melrose would tie it up in the second and take the lead 2-1 with just

under five minutes left in the game.

The Wildcats answered back 30 seconds later when Moroney hit a streaking Cavanaugh who beat the defense and wrapped one home to make it 2-2. With two minutes left Melrose was awarded a penalty shot, but Mainini (33 saves) stood tall, stopping the shooter's deke attempt, helping send the game to another 3-on-3 overtime.

On the second shift of overtime, it was Nathan Dischino who collected the puck and streaked down the ice eluding a defender before sliding a pass over to Devin MacDonald for the game winning goal, sending Team Blue to the Championship Game.

In the Championship against Tewksbury, the Wildcats would strike first on a 3-on-2 rush when Murphy dished a great pass to Cavanaugh who one timed it home for a 1-0 lead.

Team Blue would make it 2-0 in the second period when MacDonald tipped a pass to Moroney who wristed a shot low thru a screen of players and found its way into the back of the net.

Tewksbury scored the next two goals, tying it up 2-2 with six minutes left. These Wildcats would not be denied, getting another last minute goal, this time with 42 seconds left. Murphy won an offensive zone face off to himself, beating two players and tipping the puck over the Tewksbury goalies shoulder making it 3-2.

Mainini (25 saves) would make one last stop as time expired, securing the Championship for the Wildcats.



The Wilmington Pee Wee Blue team won the Valley League Championship recently. The team includes James Savoie, Braeden Vanisky, Cody Mastronardi, Jack Cyr, Colin Doherty, Jonathan Cavanaugh, Devin MacDonald, Joseph Moroney, Dylan Mainini, Cameron Jaynes, Andrew Larosee, Nathan Murphy, Patrick Moriarty, Abigail O'Donoghue, Joseph Angiuoni, Nathan Dischino, Henry Almeda, with coaches Jason Mainini, Steven Jaynes and Paul MacDonald. (courtesy photo).



The Wilmington Youth Hockey Squirts also won the Valley League Championship title recently. (courtesy photo).

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Bambino Baseball, starts May 1st

Tewksbury Youth Baseball is excited to announce the 2022 Spring Bambino Baseball program. Starting Sunday, May 1st at 11:30 am, come to the little league fields at 320 East St in Tewksbury. The team will play for 8 weeks until Sunday June 19th (weather permitting).

As always, there is no fee and is open to all ages regardless of residence. IEP, 504 or IFSP is required for athlete participants.

Athletes are paired with Buddies who assist them in fielding, hitting, throwing and running the bases. A modified coach pitch is played where Athletes have the opportunity to swing the bat on their own at live pitching, off a tee or with Buddy help. Athletes are taught the correct mechanics of catching and throwing and most importantly, having fun with friends!

Volunteers, as always you are the heart and soul of this program and we cannot do it without you! To help, call Bob at 508-423-0005.

In sickness and in health ... and for 26.2 miles

Husband and wife tandem, Nicholas and Erin Lamarre finish their third (second Boston) marathon together

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BOSTON/TEWKSBURY - When you take up running as a hobby, it's so much easier, and better when you have a partner. Someone who can push you through those tough moments when your mind says yes but your body says no, or your body and your mind say no. Or when your pillow says 'stay with me' instead of getting out of bed to go for a long distance journey.

For Erin and Nicholas and Lamarre, they already have each other as a married couple, and they have their three-year-old daughter. They both grew up and attended Dartmouth High, both played in the marching band and today they both are employed at the same place, Raytheon in Tewksbury. That being said, having each other to train with, to help motivate and push forward,

ward, is something they both enjoy whenever they hit the pavement for those long runs.

Erin (33 years of age) was first introduced to the hobby in 2013 and about a year later, Nicholas (32 years old) joined. Since then, they have done numerous fun and competitive runs together, which started with a 5K in Fairhaven about eight years or so ago, and now has turned into 26.2 miles in Boston.

On Monday, the couple competed and completed the 126th annual Boston Marathon coming across with the same 4:54.59 time.

"We do a lot of our training together which admittedly was easier before we had our daughter," said Erin. "It's a little harder now to find someone who will be there while we go for our long training runs. We try to stick together as we have a similar pace so it makes it easier. At

least in my perspective, if I had to choose between train by myself or stick with Nick, I'd always choose to stick with him. I do better out there when I have him out there with me to keep me going when I'm having those doubts and vice versa and it's also nice to cheer someone else on when they're having a tough time. It reminds that you that everyone has ups and downs during the 26 miles."

You can bet that almost all 30K runners on Monday struggled at one point. Nicholas admitted that he certainly did.

"Oh yeah definitely I struggled," he said with a big laugh. "The Newton Hills, with Heart Break Hill is really tough. Everyone talks about it but it really is a Heart Break Hill. That was tricky. The last mile is always a tough push but you've got the crowd and the finish line right there. I definitely struggled a



Married couple Erin and Nicholas Lamarre of Tewksbury display their Boston Marathon medals at the completion of the 26.2 mile journey held on Monday.

(courtesy photo).



Erin and Nicholas Lamarre with their three-year-old daughter Ellie, after receiving their bib numbers for Monday's Boston Marathon.

(courtesy photo).

few times but I had Erin there to kind of pull me through and vice versa I helped pull her through when she was struggling. We ended up doing great and it was a lot of fun."

Monday was Erin's fourth marathon, third in Boston with 2017 and '18, and this was Nick's second Boston, also completing it in 2018, the same year the couple ran the Chicago one together.

"This was our first marathon in four years and first once since our daughter has been born," said Nick. "The training takes so much time, so the long runs are hours upon time so it's hard to find that time with a three-year-old at home. It was a little bit of a different experience in terms of the training part. We were definitely ready and prepared a lot for it. Everything went perfectly. The weather was beautiful, it was a great day and it was a great time."

While Nick said earlier that he struggled a bit with the hills, Erin said that there were times, especially later on in the race when she needed a mental push and got one thanks to Nick..

"For me, it was getting

through the last four or five miles. That's the hardest part for me anyway because your body is telling you that you need to give it up. He's just always checking in to make sure I'm feeling good before we start picking it up again," she said. "That's important because a lot of running, in my opinion, is mental and having someone to remind you that if you don't break into a million pieces, then you can make it to the end."

"The crowds were phenomenal and on par with the 2017 marathon. The biggest thing about (Monday) was it was the best weather you could have any for any marathon. I think that made the difference for us because we had a goal in mind (of breaking five hours) and we met our goal. The weather was on our side and we had each other."

As the couple was coming up on the famous left-hand turn onto Boylston Street, they both knew that they once again accomplished this incredible feat together, and accomplished their goal of beating the five-hour clock.

"(This one) was a little

different, the whole length of Boylston Street was different for me," said Erin. "Once I turned onto Boylston I knew that we were going to reach our goal. It's one thing to finish the marathon, but it's such a better feeling and it's so exciting knowing that you met that goal that you had set out. That way you don't have to rush and you can relax, enjoy the crowd and enjoy the moment."

The together moments aren't done. They already have signed up for the New York City Marathon in November.

"We're both raising money for the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation Team Challenge, because I have Crohn's disease. Our goal is eventually to run all six of the Abbott World Marathon Majors." Those six include Tokyo, Boston, Berlin, Chicago, New York and London.

They are two completed and four more to go. If and when that does happen, it would certainly be an amazing accomplishment that the couple did while traveling across the world together.

Seventeen Tewksbury runners completed the long journey

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BOSTON/TEWKSBURY - For the past three years, hundreds and thousands of people were anxiously awaiting for their chance to get back on the Boston Streets.

And it finally happened. After COVID-19 cancelled the Patriots Day event in 2020 and 2021, and instead a virtual marathon and then a Fall Marathon were set in place which were obviously not the same, Monday morning brought back sunny skies, an incredible loud, energized and jammed pack crowd, and over 30,000 runners who competed in the 126th Boston Marathon.

Of the 30K runners, 17 came from Tewksbury, according to the BAA Website. They, along with several others who have community ties, were part of the first Patriots Day Marathon in 1,099 days, one which represented all 50 states and 120 countries from around the world.

The top local finisher from Tewksbury was 38-year-old Daniel Shanahan, who crossed the finish line at an impressive 3:13.11 time. He was followed by Nichole Staude, 35, at 3:20.49, Tammy Chow, 31, at 3:28.06 and Fil Faria, 57, at 3:33.23. He was featured in the Town Crier several years ago with the

quest of running a marathon in all 50 states.

After Faria, came veteran Michael Doherty, 52 at 4:01.25, who continues his goal of raising one million dollars, and then came Caitlin Mahoney, 34, at 4:14.38, Kenneth Tucceri, 40, at 4:17.36, who the Town Crier featured last week, followed by: Kathy Charbonnier, 61, 4:25.59; Jonathan Duggan, 46, at 4:33.26; Francis DuCharme, 35, at 4:39.09; Brittany Fletcher, 23, at 4:46.05; Erin Lamarre, 33, and her husband Nicholas, 32, at 4:54.59; Heather Carroll, 28, at 5:00.31; Buck Merrill, 37, at 5:10.51; Jake DeSantis, 27, at 5:22.36 and Daniel Ziniti, 40, at 5:50.16.

In addition to that were a few with local ties. Amy Molloy, the wife of former Tewksbury Memorial High School Track Coach Peter Molloy, finished at 3:36.17, former TMHS Graduates Danny Pazyra and Nicole LeBoeuf finished at 3:44.44 and 4:24.27, respectively.

Through attempts with social media sites, the Town Crier was able to reach out with some of the local runners, who shared their thoughts on the event, as well as some pictures.

DAN ZINITI

"I was honored to run the Marathon for the Credit Union's Kids at Heart team. We raise



DAN ZINITI

money for targeted research at Boston Children's Hospital. This year, we raised over \$200,000 - of which I was humbled to have contributed over \$46,000 through the generous donations of Hanscom FCU members and Staff along with friends and family.

"The day was beautiful. It started off chilly, but without a cloud in the sky it quickly warmed up. It was a tough run for me, as my feet started to ache around Mile 17 and having to compensate for that caused some gnarly cramps in my calves. I fought through and was able to stick it out through the end. After Mile 21, the crowd really carry you through.

"Keeping the kids at Children's hospital in

mind keeps you going. I was honored to run for Ryan and also for fellow Tewksbury resident Tim. I also ran in memory of Lori Skelton, who I ran with in 2019 who passed away in 2020 from cancer."

MIKE DOHERTY

"This was my 19th consecutive Boston Marathon. I went well, with perfect weather for a change. Although a headwind it kept you cool the whole way. The Irish kid actually got a sunburn. I gave it all I had to go sub four minutes running down Boylston Street. That's the longest street in Boston, you can see the finish line but I swear it just gets further away as you're running towards it.

"We have raised \$30K for Boston Children's

Hospital which brings our six-year total to \$280K. My lifetime goal is One Million dollars for BCH Pain Clinic, where my daughter Sadie has been a patient for a long time, and we are getting closer with every dollar."

HEATHER CARROLL

"It was nothing short of all of my expectations. Everything from the crowds of people lining the streets from the start of the race through the next seven towns I was running through. Among those crowds of people was my mother and father who met me at the top of Heartbreak Hill and my sisters were at the finish line. There were also many other friends and colleagues who I saw scattered throughout the race to help me get to the finish line of what was an incredibly humbling course for even the most avid of runners.

"Also, to make the experience even better, and all of the other runners I assume would agree with me, that we also couldn't have asked for any better weather in mid-April in Boston. I could honestly go on and on about how wonderful this whole race day was from the start of riding the bus to Hopkinton from the Boston Commons to crossing the finish line on Boylston Street. I just have to say that out of my

three other marathons I have run and out of the more I will do in the future, I truly do not believe anything will live up to (my first) Boston Marathon."

NICOLE LEBOEUF

"After a virtual 2020 and October 2021, Boston 2022 felt ALMOST back to normal - and by 'normal' I mean it was an amazing, loud, fun, inspirational and celebratory day. There was a pretty strong and cold head wind that really got tough to push through around Newton, but the crowds were back in full force and they carried me along screaming 'Go Dana-Fabba'!"

"It's always such an honor and privilege to run to raise money for DFCI and this year was no exception. I started running for DFCI when my sister, Amie was diagnosed with Lymphoma (still cancer free!), but over the last decade-plus I've seen so many friends, family and patients benefit from the research there. This year the Dana-Farber team raised over six million dollars and thanks to incredibly generous friends and family, I'll pass \$20K this year and our total raised in the last eleven years will surpass \$200,000.

"Whether I ran fast or slow really doesn't matter when you think about that."



Tewksbury Police Log

Woburn man arrested for shoplifting at Walmart

Monday, April 11

9:18 a.m. - Caller reported a motor vehicle cut him off and two other vehicles cut them off by passing them on the right at Livingston Street. Then, the operator erratically drove off. Detail officer has the motor vehicle stopped in front of the Tewksbury Animal Hospital. Verbal warning to the operator.

4:09 p.m. - Caller at Walgreens reported a disturbance at the parking lot and stated the father of his grandchild was there and cannot be that close to the child. Police sent. They cleared the area and filed a report; no crime committed at this time.

Tuesday, April 12

11:27 a.m. - Female party came to the station with her daughter and reported someone known to her daughter attempted to scam money at Brown Street. Officer filed a report.

2:32 p.m. - A 911 caller reported she received a

motion alert on her camera and saw a female in a white t-shirt and grey pants kneeling down on her front porch at Patrick Road and appeared to be looking into her house. Police sent. The residence was secure and he spoke with the caller by phone. It appeared to be someone in regards to the note that was on the door.

3:39 p.m. - Walk-in party in the lobby looking to report what she believed was a suspicious activity at Main Street. Officer spoke with the party. Nothing further.

9:13 p.m. - Caller reported two cars drag racing hit his mailbox and garbage barrels at Beech Street. No direction of travel, but it was possibly a white Mercedes. Billerica Police Department notified. Officer confirmed no damage to mailbox or garbage barrel and spoke to the party.

Wednesday, April 13

1:33 p.m. - Caller reported a suspicious vehicle was

sitting in front of his building this morning at Ames Hill Drive. Methuen Police Department was out yesterday asking female to report any suspicious activity. Police sent. Officer spoke to party and filed a report.

3:55 p.m. - Caller reported someone was going to bathroom on his lawn at Debra Drive. He found human feces with used toilet paper three times in the past month. Police sent. Police checked the yard but no human fecal matter was found.

7:05 p.m. - A 911 caller stated male party who was issued a no trespassing order was at Ames Hill Drive driving a motor vehicle. Police sent. Officers checked the area and spoke with calling party, but gone on arrival. Officer filed a report.

9:35 p.m. - Anonymous caller reported a motor vehicle was driving north on Main Street on opposite side of the street and Wamesit Lanes. Caller lost

vehicle. Officer in the area but gone on arrival.

10 p.m. - Caller reported second house on from Chandler Street has left his blower on and running at Grasshopper Lane. Officer sent and spoke with the homeowner who was working on his lawn and will retired for the night.

Thursday, April 14

12:03 a.m. - Caller reported that in the back of his property he could hear some yelling and a motor vehicle in the driveway with its lights on at Shawsheen Street. Police sent. Three teenagers playing some music and having some fun. The police spoke to the teens.

1:46 p.m. - Caller reported suspicious truck parked by the trestle at Shawsheen Street and Lowe Street. The male exited the truck and looked at four boys on the trail. Police sent. Officer reported the male was the father of one of the boys.

Friday, April 15

2:48 p.m. - Police sent at Oakdale Liquors for a report of a fight. They assisted. Police filed a report for parking violation for parking in a handicap parking space without a placard.

4:21 p.m. - Caller reported that there were people trespassing on the property and were driving down from Salem, New Hampshire at Delwood Road. Caller met at the corner of Delwood and County. Police sent and there was no trespassing and spoke with parties. Parties on the ring camera were not trespassing.

Saturday, April 16

12 a.m. - A 911 caller reported a suspicious SUV idling in front of her house with the occupant waving his hands in the air at Hood Road. Vehicle left towards Andover Street. Police sent. They searched the area, unable to locate.

12:22 a.m. - Loud music was coming from residence at Balsam Place. Police sent. Residents advised to turn music down for the evening.

11:45 a.m. - Caller reported a green duffle bag

on side of the road at Mike's Cleaning Service. Police sent. They were unable to locate the duffle bag.

2:48 p.m. - Two shoplifters at Walmart. Police sent. Eric Creekmore, 39, of 99 Montvale Ave. in Woburn, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by concealing, a warrant for drugs possession class A drugs, a warrant for assault and battery with family, and a warrant for suspicious license.

4:02 p.m. - A 911 caller reported that there was an intoxicated male on bicycle at P.B. Wizard Inc. Police sent. Patrick Duval, 33, of 234 Nesmith St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for breaking and entering for misdemeanor and a warrant for threat and disorderly conduct.

Sunday, April 14

10:07 p.m. - Uber driver at Walmart reported her client went inside the store and has not come back out. The caller reported the rider has not paid for the ride. Police sent. Officer located the female and she was inside shopping.



Wilmington Police Log

Erratic driver seen causing damage to Woburn vehicle

Friday, April 8:

8:29 a.m.: Ryan T. Sally of 63 Lake St., Apt. #2 in Tewksbury was arrested for Warrant All Others, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Speeding at a Rate Exceeding the Posted Limit. The red 2017 Toyota Sienna was stopped on Main Street.

10:20 a.m.: Eric David Balsamo of 76 Haverhill Road in Amesbury was arrested for Operation of a Motor Vehicle with a Suspended License (Subsequent Offense), and State Highway Traffic Violation. This occurred after a detail officer requested a cruiser following Balsamo's involvement in a minor motor vehicle collision on Lowell Street.

8:47 p.m.: A collision between a car and a deer occurred on Shawsheen Avenue with no injuries. The black 2017 Nissan Rogue was driveable and police were unable to locate the deer, which ran into the woodline.

Saturday, April 9:

7:49 a.m.: Suspicious activity was reported on Jacquith Road. A caller reported that at 12:05 a.m. a surveillance camera picked up a party dressed in a black jumpsuit coming from the side of the house to the front yard, checking car doors, then continuing up Jacquith Road.

8:31 a.m.: A caller on Lake Street observed a party walking through the yard at 4:18 a.m. The party, dressed in a gray or black hoodie, appeared to check the shed door in the yard.

10:33 a.m.: Police were notified by an anonymous report that Shawsheen Tech students were participating in a "senior assassin" game with water guns. Students are reportedly running through yards attempting to get seniors out of the house so they can be sprayed with the water guns. Police were warned to be aware of this activity.

11:26 a.m.: A caller on Oakdale Road reported that a blue 2007 Dodge Caravan and a brown 2005 Ford Taurus SE had their tires slashed in the driveway. Police reported a total of five tires slashed. They will check the surrounding area.

Sunday, April 10:

12:11 a.m.: Three juveniles attempted to ride their bicycles inside the CVS on Main Street. The staff stated they appeared to be approximately 16-18 years old males wearing hooded sweatshirts. Two went down a path to Harvard Avenue and one went behind the Rite Aid. Police checked the area but were unable to locate anyone. CVS staff report nothing was taken.

5:32 a.m.: A motor vehicle collision was reported on Shawsheen Avenue. A white 2015 Chrysler 200 struck a pole with airbag deployment, but no injuries. The base of the pole is cracked and will need to be checked. Verizon was notified.

1:49 p.m.: Hayden Brown of 12 Maplewood Ave. in Tewksbury was arrested for OUI - Drugs, Negligent Operation of a Motor Vehicle.

hicle, Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle, and Possession of a Class A Drug. The brown 2000 Toyota Camry SE was stopped on Main St. Brown was transported to Winchester Hospital where he was later served the citation in hand.

Monday, April 11:

6:40 a.m.: Elizeu Francisco Pereira of 136 Perkins St., Apt. #3 in Somerville was issued a criminal application for Uninsured Motor Vehicle and Unlicensed Operation of a Motor Vehicle. The red 2003 Volkswagen Golf was stopped on Salem Street, the plates confiscated, and the vehicle towed.

5:49 p.m.: A disturbance was reported at Cumberland Farm Gulf Gas Station on Main Street. A caller reported a female screaming at a party inside a gray vehicle, which turned left onto Richmond Street. The vehicle was stopped at the top of Richmond with its hazards on and was unoccupied. MBTA was notified and trains were stopped for a short period of time. The witness stated the parties were physically fighting in the vehicle causing it to cross the double yellow lines almost hitting her vehicle head on. The parties were separated with the male being given a ride to McDonald's to await a ride home. The altercation was verbal in nature and both were advised of 209a rights.

Tuesday, April 12:

8:56 a.m.: Suspicious activity was reported at the Town Park at April Field on Main Street. The calling party reported a green 1993 Toyota Camry SE with bags all over the windows with engine running on the path to the left of the dog park. Police said the party is homeless and advised them to move the car from the pathway. The party will move to the parking lot of the dog park and will nap prior to moving along.

7:25 p.m.: A caller reported a male party was urinating on her property on Middlesex Avenue. When she approached him, the party did not stop urinating and exposed himself to her. He then continued walking down Rt. 62 towards the high school.

Wednesday, April 13:

8:42 a.m.: Suspicious ac-

tivity was reported at the MBTA parking lot on Main Street. A caller reported a female party in a sweatshirt and green pants lying on the tracks. Keolis was notified to hold trains. Police reported the female dropped something on the tracks and was looking under the platform for the item. The party was awaiting the next inbound train.

5:17 p.m.: A hit and run was reported at the entrance to Lucci's Supermarket Plaza on Lowell Street involving a green 2018 Jeep Renegade. Police stopped by Lucci's to obtain video.

10:32 p.m.: A caller on

Sarafina Way reported suspicious activity when a pickup truck was parked at the end of his road. While the vehicle was no longer there, the caller was concerned because of past illegal dumping in a new development being built next door. The caller requested extra checks of the area.

Thursday, April 14:

12:59 a.m.: Erica A. Sullivan of 36 Hathaway Road was issued a summons for Leaving the Scene of Property Damage. The motor vehicle collision involving her blue 2009 Saturn Vue occurred on West Street. A caller reported a vehicle was driving erratically, hit a guardrail and was smoking. The vehicle was towed and the party was transported by the fire department. State police to handle the crash report.

1:05 p.m.: A caller repor-

ted a house on Emerson Road was draining their pool into the town sewer drain at the end of Jones Avenue. Detective Stickney was in the area and spoke to the reporting party.

3:01 p.m.: A caller reported an erratic operator traveling northbound on Main Street in a silver Chevy SUV. The operator, an older woman, was reportedly driving all over the roadway. The caller also stated the vehicle had clipped a truck in Woburn which ripped off the front bumper of her car. When asked if she was aware of the damage, she replied yes. The caller also stated the driver was sipping from a cup in her vehicle. She was last seen turning right onto Mass. Avenue from Main Street. Since the accident occurred in Woburn, it was referred to the Woburn Police Department.

Be aware of mulch fire hazards this season

STOW — State Fire Marshal Peter J. Ostroskey offered a fire safety reminder to homeowners and others who plan on using mulch in upcoming landscaping projects.

"Every spring, firefighters across Massachusetts respond to mulch fires on commercial and residential properties," State Fire Marshal Ostroskey said. "These include fires that start with cigarettes and other smoking materials. Remember that mulch is combustible and can easily catch fire."

The hazard is especially significant around residential structures because fires that start on the exterior of buildings are usually not detected early. By the time smoke and heat enter the building to trigger a fire or smoke alarm or sprinkler system, the fire is already large. Fortunately, many mulch fires are noticed and extinguished before spreading to a building or motor vehicle.

Provide proper smoking receptacles

Smokers should never toss their cigarettes into mulch, dried leaves, or other debris, and mulch should not be placed in a designated smoking area. To help reduce this unsafe behavior, businesses and homeowners using mulch to spruce up their landscaping should also provide and maintain safe receptacles for disposing of smoking materials. Metal containers with sand are best.

Keep mulch at least 18" away from buildings

Don't place mulch directly against the side of a building. The Massachusetts Comprehensive Fire Safety Code (527 CMR 1.00, section 10.13.10.4.1) prohibits the new application of mulch within 18" around combustible exteriors of buildings, such as wood or vinyl but not brick or concrete. Residential buildings with six units or fewer are exempted from this regulation, but all homeowners may wish to adopt these safety practices voluntarily. The regulation applies to all other buildings, including commercial properties.

Keep mulch piles at least 30' apart

The heat generated by large piles of mulch can cause them to ignite, so it is important to maintain a safe distance between piles. This can help prevent a fire in one pile from spreading to another pile or to a building. The Fire Code (527 CMR 1.00, sections 31.3.6.3.2.2 & 31.3.6.4.3) limits the size of mulch piles and requires distances of 30 feet between piles and 25 feet from the property line.

Permits required to store 300+ cubic yards of mulch

Permits from the local fire department are required wherever more than 300 cubic yards of mulch are produced or stored.

Call 9-1-1 to report smoldering mulch beds

Mulch can generate heat, and a smoldering pile of mulch can ignite. If you see a smoldering mulch bed, please call 9-1-1 so the fire department can make sure it is truly extinguished. Mulch can smolder for a long time before erupting into flames.

Educate your staff: Mulch safety pamphlet DFS provides an educational pamphlet in English and Spanish on our Mulch Fire Safety page. If provides information that building managers, landscapers, and distributors can use to educate their staff. Local fire departments are encouraged to make it available as well.

Major mulch fires

Including preliminary data from 2021, there have been more than 400 fires in the past 10 years that started in mulch but spread to buildings. These fires caused five civilian injuries, 30 fire service injuries, two civilian deaths, and almost \$15 million in damages.

Among these fires were a July 10, 2018, fire in Boston that caused an estimated \$250,000 in damage to a six-unit apartment building and a May 5, 2015, fire in Arlington that claimed one person's life destroyed 36 apartments and six vehicles. Both fires were caused by smoking materials that had been discarded into mulch beds.

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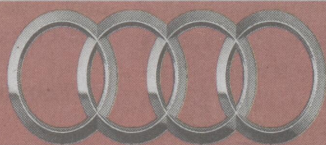
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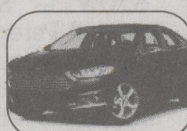
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Lifestyle

Ideas for all those leftover Easter eggs

By **HEATHER BURNS**
News Correspondent

The recent Easter holiday brings the promise of hope and rebirth for the upcoming spring season. For many homes, it also brings the eternal question of what to do with all the leftover colored eggs.

If enthusiasm for dying of Easter eggs has now left you dying to use up dozens of hard boiled eggs, you are not alone.

Many families enjoy partaking in the Easter tradition of dying boiled eggs, only to discover after the holiday has passed, perhaps they may have gotten carried away with the fun of coloring eggs, and are now unsure what to do with them.

A boiled egg will last a good week in the refrigerator, but it is not recommended to freeze them as they tend to get watery and tough when frozen.

The obvious answer is to eat them, but the question is how to get your family to eat your recent stockpile of boiled eggs without the repetitive boredom of a plain, old egg.

Despite the fact that boiled eggs are quite tasty on their own, they are also easily incorporated into many protein based dishes, and boast an impressive nutritional profile that would make a sensible addition to any diet.

The average sized hard boiled egg has 77 calories and is very low in carbs.

Eggs are a good source of lean protein, at about 6 grams of protein per egg. They are also packed with essential vitamins such as A, D, B2, B12, and B5.

Other important nutrients found in eggs are calcium, zinc, phosphorus and selenium.

Many prefer to eat only the yolk or only the whites of an egg.

Although many of the nutrients reside exclusively in the yolk of an egg, egg whites contain more than half the portion of protein found in eggs.

This information points to the fact that it is beneficial to eat the whole egg.

In the past, eggs have received a bad reputation for possibly increasing one's risk of heart disease if consumed.

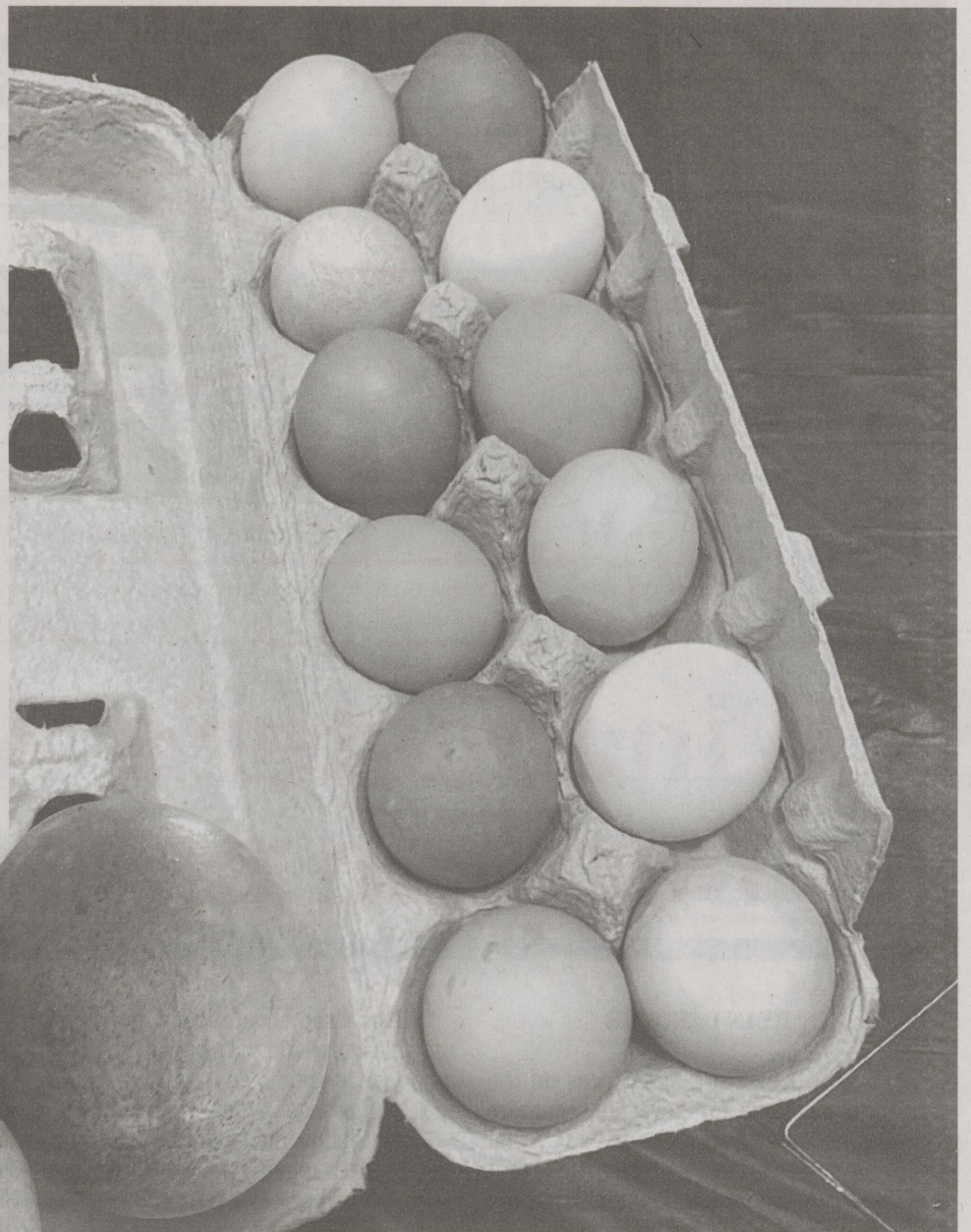
This assumption was made due to the eggs' relatively high content of cholesterol.

However, recent research has concluded that dietary cholesterol is not associated with heart disease risk.

According to recommendations by the Mayo Clinic, most healthy people can eat up to seven eggs a week without increasing their risk of

your favorite deviled egg recipe with cheese, toast, bacon, fruit, and mini pancakes or muffins for a bite sized smogash board of charcuterie board flavor.

For another devilishly good boiled egg



▲ Leftover boiled Easter eggs can easily be added to many recipes for an punch of flavor and extra nutrition. (Heather Burns photos)

arugula with several slices of boiled egg. Season to taste with lemon zest, chives and salt and pepper.

For a fun, Asian inspired dish,

boiled, colored eggs.

For more recipes featuring hard boiled eggs, visit

www.tasteofhome.com/collect/recipes-using-left-over-hard-boiled-eggs.

Street sweeping and catch basin cleaning

TEWKSBURY — Street sweeping and catch basin cleaning are essential activities that occur every spring in town. The materials that wash into the road have to be picked up in the spring. Not only does it keep the streets looking cleaner but reduces the risk of flooding by removing material before it enters the drainage system or ensuring that existing stand alone structures are maintained at maximum capacity.

How residents can help

Residents are encouraged to aid the Department by:

- Sweeping sand/small broken asphalt rocks from sidewalks and grass strips into the street one foot from edge of road.

- Please don't sweep the sand into a pile since that makes it more difficult for the sweeper to pick up the material. Instead, sweep it into a row along the edge.

- Please don't place large rocks or pieces of asphalt into the street

since the street sweeper is unable to pick those up safely and they can damage the machine.

- Sweepers cannot pick up brush, branches or yard waste. Please properly and legally dispose of those items during curbside collection or other approved methods.

- Parking vehicles in driveways that will interfere with sweeping and away from catch basins that block truck access. Vehicles parked in the street between the hours of 6 a.m. and 6 p.m. may result in areas or catch basins being bypassed to stay on schedule.

Sweeping & catch basin schedule work is scheduled to begin in April and run through the end of May. Factors such as rain and emergencies extend the completion date.

If you have any questions regarding the street sweeping or catch basin cleaning program, please contact the Department of Public Works at 1-978-640-4440

recipe, take that same deviled egg recipe, put it in a food processor, but add the entire boiled egg. Pulse until smooth.

You may need to add extra mayo or sour cream to create a consistency that will work as a dip. This makes for a nutritious and filling afternoon snack when served with fresh vegetable sticks, crackers or pita bread.

Put a modern twist on the old standby of an "egg salad sandwich" by serving an open faced boiled egg sandwich.

Simply spread ricotta or cream cheese on whole grain bread or toast, and top with a light bed of arugula.

Combine sauteed vegetables like summer squash, bell peppers and shallots, and place them on the

use egg slices as a garnish for your favorite Ramen noodle recipe. Add some healthy veggies, and you have a quick and easy, hearty meal the whole family will enjoy.

Eggs add an extra zip of flavor and nutrition to green salads, potato salads and pasta salads. They also pair well in shrimp salad.

Sprinkle grated hard boiled eggs on top of steamed green vegetables, baked potatoes, or roasted chicken and beef to add color, flavor and nutrition to any meal.

During this post Easter week, don't grow tired of eating plain boiled eggs, or worse yet, waste them by throwing them out. With a little imagination, you can enjoy "eggcellent" meals packed with flavor and nutrition while using up your stockpile of

Tewksbury Police Dept. charges man with catalytic converter theft

TEWKSBURY — Police Chief Ryan Columbus reports that the Tewksbury Police Department obtained an arrest warrant charging a man with stealing a catalytic converter from a Tewksbury resident's recreational vehicle.

David Dion, 34, of New Hampshire, will be charged with:

- Larceny Over \$1,200
- Vandalizing Property

On Wednesday, March 30, at approximately 11:15 a.m., Tewksbury Police responded to a report of an individual attempting to steal a catalytic converter from a home on North Street in Tewksbury.

A homeowner reported that they noticed two people in their driveway and confronted them. Police learned that the suspects fled in a dark-colored GMC Envoy. Upon an initial investigation, police confirmed that the catalytic converter was missing from the homeowner's recreational vehicle.

The homeowner was able to provide police with photographs of the vehicle and suspects, as well as home surveillance footage.

Tewksbury Police were able to identify the vehicle involved, and asked law enforcement partners to be on the lookout.

Later Wednesday, Massa-

chusetts State Police found the vehicle abandoned on Interstate 95 in Topsfield. State police made contact with a man who was walking along the highway nearby, but did not take him into custody.

Further investigation by Tewksbury Police identified that man as Dion, who is known to Tewksbury Police.

Tewksbury detectives collaborated with law enforcement partners at the Boxford Police Department to locate Dion. Boxford Police arrested Dion on two unrelated warrants. Dion was arraigned Thursday in Haverhill District Court on those war-

rants, and was ordered held. In the meantime, Tewksbury Police obtained a warrant for Dion's arrest.

Dion will be arraigned Friday in Lowell District Court.

"Catalytic converter thefts are extremely costly to those who are victims, and they are becoming more prevalent around the area as the cost of precious metals — such as the small amounts of platinum that are in catalytic converters — have risen," said Chief Columbus. "I want to thank our law enforcement partners at the Massachusetts State Police and Boxford Police Department for their important assistance

with this investigation."

In response to an increase in such thefts across the region recently, Tewksbury Police would like to provide the following tips to help prevent such thefts:

- Park in well-lit areas.
- Park close to building entrances or the nearest road in public parking lots. This leaves your vehicle in a location where many people can see it.

- If you have a personal or shared garage, keep your vehicle parked inside with the door shut.

- Add video surveillance to the area where you regularly park your vehicle.
- Install a catalytic con-

verter-specific security device, such as an aluminum plate that, once installed, can provide a strong barrier against theft.

- Adjust the security system on your vehicle, if already installed, to activate from vibrations, such as those produced by a saw.

Remember to call the police and report where your car was parked when your catalytic converter was stolen. Provide as many identifying details that you can, including the time when the theft most likely occurred.

These are allegations. All suspects are innocent until proven guilty.



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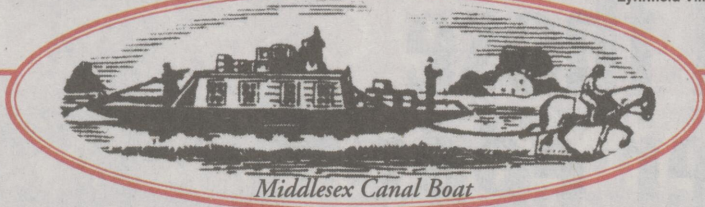
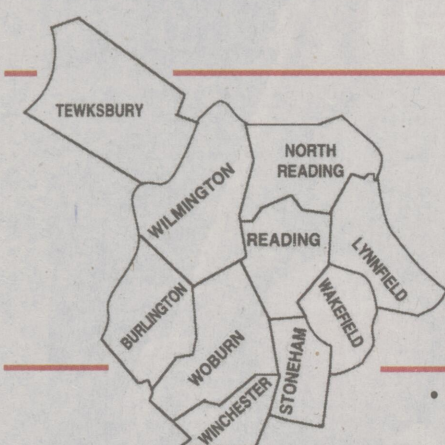
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Winchester's Amore hopes to become next State Auditor

By RYAN LAROCHE

This year, as most people focus on the mid-term elections for governor, senators (US and state) and representatives (US and state), there are other important races that will appear on the September and November ballots. One is the race for state auditor.

After serving since 2011, current auditor Suzanne Bump chose not to seek reelection this fall. The first female to ever hold that position in the state, Bump "identified more than \$1.3B worth of inefficiencies, mis-spending and fraud," according to the auditor's page on the Massachusetts state website, www.mass.gov.

The site notes how the auditor "leads a 225-person workforce of auditors, fraud investigators and researchers to improve government accountability and build trust in government," adding the work they've done led to changes that "have both a human and financial impact within programs across the breadth of state and local government, including Medicaid, child welfare, public safety, public benefits, and education."

To fill her role, three people stepped up to run including a local Winchester resident. Running as the lone Republican in the race, Anthony Amore recently received the endorsement of Governor Charlie Baker.

"As an independent and experienced watchdog, Anthony will be able to keep the checks and balances on Beacon Hill and help preserve and continue the work the Baker-Polito Administration has done over the last seven years," Baker wrote in an email to his supporters, his first such endorsement of the campaign season.

When asked about receiving the endorsement, Amore said via phone last week, "it's an honor to get his endorsement and it tells me my message is the right one."

The Republican candidate is fairly new to Winchester, moving to the town with his partner and her eight-year old daughter last summer after spending two decades in Swampscott. He grew up in Providence, Rhode Island.

Amore said he came to Winchester for the town's excellent school system, its safety and the warm community. While he loved living in Swampscott, Amore now enjoys Winchester's downtown area, which he said he frequents often.

He originally entered the race for several reasons, one of which involved continuing the independent spirit started by the Baker-Polito Administration.

"One of my goals is to protect the legacy of Baker and (Lieutenant Governor Karyn) Polito as they leave office. I don't want to see (the work) undone when he leaves office."

Amore also said he chose to run after seeing "the record inflation crush working families." He wants to make sure Massachusetts residents' tax dollars are spent wisely.

The Republican candidate started out as an English major in college before moving on to the Harvard Kennedy School where he majored in Public Administration. Since graduating, he's spent 30 years working in audits and inspections, including 16 years working at the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum in Boston as the director of security.

As a senior Homeland Security official,



ANTHONY AMORE, shown above speaking to Republicans in Quincy, seeks to become the state's next auditor. With current auditor Suzanne Bump not seeking reelection, Amore, a Winchester resident, believes he has the experience to fill that role. (Courtesy photo)

AMORE TO A-9

Movie Reviews & Box Office News

Potter prequels peter out in 'Dumbledore'

By JAKE COYLE
AP Film Writer

Time always flew in J.K. Rowling's Wizarding World but it has lately seemed to catch up to the Potter pop cultural sensation. Those long lines outside bookstores are a long time ago now. The books stopped but the movies never did. The "Fantastic Beasts" prequels, now up to three with "The Secrets of Dumbledore," have soldiered on, even if the fever surrounding Pottermania — at least among less diehard Muggles — has dissipated.

There's always been a sense of dislocation about the "Fantastic Beasts" movies. The Potter films — boarding school movies with

magic thrown in — swirled around life at Hogwarts. But where is the heart of "Fantastic Beasts"? The prequels have a foot in 1920s and '30s New York, with world war storm clouds all around, but they flitter anxiously between fantasy realms far and wide.

Who even are our most central characters? "The Secrets of Dumbledore," perhaps seeking its own clarity on the issue, pushes Jude Law's wise wizard to the fore. We began these movies with Eddie Redmayne's magizoologist Newt Scamander. Perhaps he was always meant to slide to the side, but, either way, I think Redmayne's meek and mannered performance has made Newt less of a protagon-

ist to hang a story on and more of a sentimental mascot alongside a troupe of characters — including the baker Jacob Kowalski (Dan Fogler, increasingly central) and the law-enforcing wizard Tina Goldstein (Katherine Waterston, more on the outs).

The villain, at least, has been steadfast — the character, anyway, if not the actor playing him. After two films with Johnny Depp in the role, Mads Mikkelsen takes over as the dark wizard Gellert Grindelwald, a onetime friend and love interest of Dumbledore's. Grindelwald's rise has been the overarching drama to the "Fantastic Beasts," an ominous series framed around the menacing power

grab of a tyrant who, with echoes of fascism then and now, wants the magical world to rule over Muggles.

Where "Fantastic Beasts" may ultimately reside is in a prequel netherworld — never truly in Potter land but instead in some contrived next-door realm that, at times, seems to exist purely to capitalize on a potent patch of intellectual property. Despite a great deal of talent and craft, the purpose of these movies has never felt like much beyond keeping the Potter train running.

Maybe to help steer "Fantastic Beasts" back on course, this is the first franchise iteration with a script not credited entirely to

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THE SPELL IS BROKEN - Mads Mikkelsen, above, in a scene from "Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore" from Warner Bros. Pictures. The film is lacking the Harry Potter magic.

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Rowling. Alongside the author this time is Steve Kloves, who wrote or co-wrote all but one of the Potter movies. You could say that "The Secrets of Dumbledore," directed by series regular David Yates, is comparably more straightforward than its predecessors. But over-complication has been the nature of these movies — big, teaming blockbusters designed to marry hefty CGI effects with even weightier political allegory.

"Dangerous times favor dangerous men," intones Dumbledore.

It's a good line, and "The Secrets of Dumbledore" doesn't skimp on proclamations of good and evil. You can't say that Yates' movie isn't trying — really trying — to conjure something substantial. It opens, compellingly, with a meeting between Dumbledore and Grindelwald and a confession of love. It's a laudable moment for how it's han-

dled so straightforwardly. But their former bond doesn't especially resonate — a problem considering that much of what follows is colored by their tragic disconnection. Mikkelsen is a powerhouse actor but here makes for a fairly bland presence.

There are pockets of feeling and missed chances for romance, too, among other characters — most notably Jacob and Queenie (Alison Sudol), who are largely separate from one another this time. But overall, a spark is missing. Some of the performers and scene add a lift. Jessica Williams brightens the movie whenever she's in it. One kaleidoscopic showdown on a Berlin street could rival anything Marvel has produced.

But "The Secrets of Dumbledore," lacking in much magic, is a bit of a bore. There are many differences between the Potter films and these but as I pondered what was missing among all the characters

and creatures of this "Fantastic Beasts," the question occurred to me: Where are the kids? Sure, these films could be intended for Potter readers who have grown into young adulthood, and more grown-up battles may have been a natural progression. But what fun is a world of wizards with only a bunch of grave, adult faces? A sense of wonder may have gone out the window, breaking a spell.

"Fantastic Beasts: The Secrets of Dumbledore," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for some fantasy action/violence. Running time: 142 minutes. Two stars out of four.

This review has been updated to correct the first name of David Yates, the director of "The Secrets of Dumbledore."

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Amore FROM A-8

he oversaw more than 1,200 federal employees. Amore also served on the leadership team that rebuilt security at Logan Airport following the attacks on Sept. 11, 2001, and later, at the museum at which the biggest property theft in world history occurred.

The Winchester resident said he's been taught to follow the facts and protect good work.

"We can't let good work, good government be undone," he stressed, adding how the state must continue to invest in the MBTA and public housing.

Amore, running in an uncontested primary race, will face either of two Democratic opponents in November: State Senator Diana DiZoglio, from Methuen, or former MassDOT Assistant Secretary Chris Dempsey, from Brookline. Dempsey told WGBH back in February he wants to use the office as a "robust platform for advocacy for better, more efficient, equitable government."

DiZoglio, meanwhile, said she's running to "make sure that working families like yours get access to and accountability from our state leaders."

Both candidates gave Bump a high rating for her time in office. Amore, on the other hand, was more critical of the current state auditor. In fact, he said one of the first things he would do if he won the election would be to audit the auditor. He promised to do an internal audit right off the bat to see why, in his opinion, Bump never met the required numbers of audits per year.

He said he would bring in independent, outside auditors to perform this task.

About his two potential Democratic opponents, Amore said one of them wanted to audit the state legislature, which he called impermissible.

"I've done this kind of work (and) they haven't," he said about his experience versus what he called their lack of experience.

The Republican candidate jumped into

the race a little after his two Democratic rivals, though with no primary opponent, he has plenty of time to make up the difference. He said he decided to get involved when he saw Bump announce she wouldn't seek reelection. He knew an open seat meant he had a better chance.

"The state system is geared toward protecting incumbents," he said when asked about the notion there are three parties in Massachusetts: Democrat, Republican and Incumbent.

He called Massachusetts a big state where some parts don't get the attention they deserve. He said to win this race, you must pay attention to the entire state. He said he's done a lot of traveling already, from the south shore to Quincy, and he'll next visit central Massachusetts, all in an effort to educate people on what the auditor does.

His theme will focus on the record inflation and how it could continue growing.

"Our tax dollars become more precious as inflation grows," he noted, "and we need to make sure they are spent wisely."

The Winchester resident said he backed a lot of Gov. Baker's ideas including the tax holiday, which generally takes place over a weekend in August. In fact, he supports a two-month holiday tax break.

"The state is awash in money," he suggested as a reason why a tax break period would make sense for Massachusetts residents.

When asked about repealing the gas tax, at least for the time being (while gas prices remain near or above \$4 in the state), he didn't specifically endorse the plan, but did say, "any time you can return money to people it's good."

He also mentioned how the House recently rejected the governor's (and other Republicans') gas tax break proposal, which some Democratic members called a "stunt" or "gimmick" and said could hurt the state's ability to complete transportation projects and make future projects more costly. It could also affect the state's bond

Boston Bruins, Taylor Hall and DKJ Foundation honor Alzheimer's caregivers from Reading, Wakefield and other local towns



ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVERS above, enjoy a Bruins win at a TD Garden suite. Seven selected caregivers and their guests, from Reading, Wakefield, Peabody, Newburyport, Waltham and Dracut watched the action unfold from a suite generously donated by The Boston Bruins Foundation.
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HomeNewsHere RECIPE

SLOW-COOKER STEAK & POTATOES

DINNER IS SERVED - A few minutes prep in the morning and you can have a delicious one-pot dinner in the evening.

STEPS

1. Spray 4- to 5-quart slow cooker with cooking spray. Sprinkle both sides of beef with flour, salt and pepper. In 12-inch skillet, heat oil over medium heat until hot. Cook beef in oil 6 to 8 minutes, turning occasionally, until brown on both sides.
2. Place onions in slow cooker. Top with beef and tomatoes; sprinkle with sugar.
3. Cover; cook on Low heat setting 7 to 9 hours or until beef is tender.
4. About 15 minutes before steak is ready to serve, microwave vegetables (potatoes are in the medley) as directed on bag. Stir into beef mixture.

EXPERT TIP

Use top or bottom round steak for the beef tip steak in this recipe. Look for a cut that is on sale for added savings.

Ingredients

- 1-1/2 lb beef tip steak, trimmed
- 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 tablespoon vegetable oil
- 1-1/2 cups sliced onions
- 1 can (14.5 oz) diced tomatoes, undrained
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 bag (19 oz) frozen garden vegetable medley

rating, according to House Democrats.

Without a primary opponent, Amore's candidacy could take a back seat to the two Democrats. He called it a double-edged sword, because on one hand he's guaranteed to make it to November, but on the other, his two opponents will most likely soak up all the attention. Therefore, the Republican said he'll just concentrate on getting out his message to voters and focus solely on his own campaign.

And one of his messages is how he believes he's the only candidate with experience. Amore also mentioned transparency, calling himself a big proponent of it. Going forward, if elected, one of his goals involves looking at college and university tuition.

He mentioned colleges and universities raised costs by 2.5 percent while he'd rather see them reduced by that same margin. He asked where this money is going. However, though he believes in an affordable education, he doesn't favor canceling student debt. He said there's no such thing as canceling debt, adding someone would have to pay for it.

Amore also mentioned the fairly new Cannabis Control Commission, wondering why Bump never audited the committee, especially after a hack occurred to a company that performs background checks on everyone from marijuana entrepreneurs to state employees, according to the Boston Globe. This incident occurred back in November.

The paper went on to note the company, Creative Services, performed 1,982 background checks on licensees and workers associated with a licensed pot business from November 2018 to last fall. A further 75 Cannabis Control Commission staffers were also affected, a spokeswoman said. The commission paid just under \$70,000 to the company for services so far this fiscal year (as of last month).

In general, although Massachusetts has a reputation for high taxes, Amore believed the state was well run (thanks, in his opinion, to Gov. Baker). He stressed, though, the governor can't do it alone and the state needs a "financial watchdog on Beacon Hill."

Amore hopes to be that watchdog.

• Real Estate Transfers •

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28 Hart St was sold to Desai, Nisarg and Kamat, Aarti by Burton M Cohen LT and Cohen, Burton M for \$945,000 on 03/29/22

22 Leopold St was sold to Fitzpatrick, Nicole F and Capuano, Anthony M by Redfinnow Borrower LLC for \$632,500 on 03/30/22

23 Marrett Rd was sold to Ferdous, Abu and Ferdous, Raushan by Cabral, Roberta A and Cabral, Paul A for \$815,000 on 03/31/22

1 Polk St was sold to Sunrise Homes LLC by Christie Caryn A Est and Christie, Gary O for \$450,000 on 03/29/22

117 S Bedford St was sold to Trecartin, Amanda by Burlington Town Of for \$290,000 on 03/28/22

201 Winn St was sold to Jimenez, Juan E and Folta, Liliana by Cohen, Sean for \$720,000 on 03/31/22

LYNNFIELD

2 Broadway was sold to Michaels Lndg Lynnfield by Jam Enterprises 2 LLC for \$36,000,000 on 04/01/22

111 Forest Hill Ave was sold to Safer, David by Gauvreau, Keith E for \$500,000 on 03/31/22

15 Melch Rd was sold to Quinn, James M and Quinn, Jill K by Lanzillo, Flaminio and Zepaj, Marenglen for \$1,260,000 on 03/30/22

15 Townsend Rd was sold to Lussier, Kyle S and Lussier, Meghan A by Flickinger RT and Raust, Nelson A for \$1,005,000 on 03/30/22

6 Witham St was sold to Pareek, Ashutosh and Pareek, Neha by 914 Salem Street LLC for \$1,650,000 on 03/31/22

NORTH READING

4 Mount Vernon St was sold to Bantle, Laura and Bantle, Collin by Iannessa, Stephen C and Iannessa, Jacqueline A for \$950,000 on 03/28/22

37 Mount Vernon St was sold to Onyx Properties LLC and Billy Baru Const LLC by

Bebchick, Jodi A for \$525,000 on 03/30/22

216 North St was sold to Wong, Chung Y and Wong, Kaity by Affordable Hm Soln LLC for \$1,565,000 on 03/31/22

193 Park St was sold to Gill, Brian E and Gill, Stephanie A by Gill, Kevin M and Gill, Susan D for \$760,000 on 04/01/22

408 Park St was sold to Maloney, Christopher by James J Maloney IRT and Maloney, Brett J for \$500,000 on 03/31/22

READING

15 Bethune Ave was sold to Plotnick, Adam and Plotnick, Jennifer by Bishop, Nathan F and Bishop, Sarah N for \$1,800,000 on 03/28/22

53 Causeway Rd was sold to Pandey, Garima and Singh, Kuldeep by Ferry Sr, Donald E for \$505,000 on 03/30/22

1 Charles St #M was sold to Samali, Samira by Rikova, Klarisa E for \$550,000 on 04/01/22

10 Dana Rd was sold to Kote, Fjorela and Kote, Redion by Murphy FT and Murphy, Patricia A for \$717,000 on 04/01/22

269 Main St #2003 was sold to Travaglini, Michael by 269 Main Street LLC for \$690,000 on 04/01/22

39 Middlesex Ave was sold to Carnahan, Joseph C and Faulkner-Carnahan, Meghan by Cridler, Christopher D and Digges-Arnold, Jesse for \$885,000 on 03/28/22

27 Priscilla Rd was sold to Schafer, Luke W and Oshea, Molly P by DYL Cutler FT and Dyl, Catherine A for \$725,000 on 03/31/22

32 Ridge Rd was sold to Patterson, Yana K and Patterson, Corey L by Spousal T and Olson, Nanette B for \$676,000 on 03/30/22

67 Summer Ave was sold to Namiranian, Siavash and Accardi, Kelli M by White Jr, Joseph and White, Alexandra for \$755,000 on 03/31/22

18 Woburn St was sold to

Woburn Street Dev LLC by Cornerstone Square LLC for \$500,000 on 03/29/22

STONEHAM

17 Butler Ave was sold to Spinosa, Brad by Ciampa Mary Diane Est and Puleo, Michelle D for \$475,000 on 04/01/22

157 Franklin St #D2 was sold to Song, Ruochen by Caruso, Kevin J for \$260,000 on 03/31/22

6 Gould St was sold to Endriukaitis, Regimantas by Croteau, Travis R for \$825,000 on 03/31/22

3 Greenview Rd was sold to Ghechen, Tenzin and Dolma, Tenzin by Moreira, Alvaro F and Moreira, Rosa M for \$765,000 on 04/01/22

64 Main St #51C was sold to Graczyk, Henry and Graczyk, Frances by Gorie David V Est and Frost, Jeffrey S for \$368,000 on 04/01/22

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1270 Andover St was sold to Papandreas, Johniene and Blackman, Hillary by Manh Home Buyers LLC for \$760,000 on 03/31/22

14 Bay State Rd was sold to Dechristoforo, John G by Connolly, Shannon L and Dechristoforo, John G for \$100,000 on 03/30/22

2 Border Rd was sold to George, Febin and Thomas, Gemi by AMC Realty Group LLC for \$852,000 on 03/30/22

30 Juniper Ln #30w as sold to Vicente, Maria D and Vicente, Rogerio S by Dyer-Blaikie, Margaret for \$400,000 on 03/30/22

97 Lakeview Ave was sold to Bond, Cheryl M and Bond, Danielle by Paone, George for \$619,900 on 03/29/22

1455 Main St #9 was sold to

Lam, Nida N and Lam, Tida by Sankaran, Anand and Ramakrishna, Harshini for \$520,500 on 03/29/22

WAKEFIELD

7 Furness Cir was sold to Cai, Xinxia and Yang, Jamie by Kelly, Andrea for \$738,000 on 04/01/22

12 Gates Ln #B was sold to Ciampaglio, Joseph and Rideout, Rebecca by Redpath, Cooper and Daneshvar, Neda for \$800,000 on 03/30/22

39 Juniper Ave was sold to Buschini, Lauren E and Critch, Nicholas J by Kelley Family Rev NT and Kelley, Dennis B for \$600,000 on 03/31/22

306 Main St was sold to 306 Main Street LLC by GMB RT and Swansburg 3rd, Donald E for \$1,140,000 on 03/30/22

4 Ossipee Ln was sold to Walkup, Matthew J and Walkup, Stephanie by Muir Res Investments LLC for \$1,700,000 on 03/28/22

28-28B Park St was sold to Obrien, Mark J and Obrien, Maureen A by Carbone, William M and Carbone, Marilyn for \$600,000 on 03/31/22

15 Sumner Ave was sold to Taddeo, Mariah and Reilly Jr, Roger by Lyon, Nicole C for \$510,000 on 03/30/22

186 Vernon St #1 was sold to Devlin, Timothy J by Pagliuca, Dina M for \$274,900 on 03/31/22

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202 Blue Jay Ct was sold to Zhang, Joshua and Li, Yijin by Suares, Nikhil and Anand, Priyanka for \$558,000 on 03/28/22

24 Fairview Ave was sold to Goldwetha Properties LLC by Carter Edith A Est and Carter, Gary A for \$335,000 on 03/30/22

2-R Glen Rd was sold to MJA RT and Allan, Martin M by Thelen, Jillian M for \$315,000 on 03/30/22

43 King St was sold to Pham, Lily and Nguyen, Hung by Botzko, Peter S and

Botzko, Jaclyn for \$550,000 on 03/30/22

10 Lockwood Rd was sold to Malagrifa, Steven by Devita, Francis L and Devita, Barbara F for \$450,000 on 03/28/22

7 Sudbury Ave was sold to Conway, John and Conway, Paula by Flynn, Michael C and Flynn, Kim M for \$430,000 on 04/01/22

5 Treasure Hill Rd was sold to Ohalloran, Patrick and Ohalloran, Theresa by Wildcats Realty LLC for \$885,000 on 03/31/22

WINCHESTER

26 Grove St was sold to Renew Design Renovate LLC by Tamasi, Steven and Tamasi, Mary E for \$1,150,000 on 03/30/22

4 Herrick St was sold to Frechette, Kevin P and Frechette, Rachel M by Dittullo, Joseph G for \$1,860,000 on 03/30/22

44 Holland St was sold to Ho, Hamilton F and Ho, Paula Y by Wang, Fei and Jiang, Xiaocheng for \$1,570,000 on 03/28/22

14 Kendall St was sold to Riley 4th, John and Arthur, Amanda by Mills, Christopher and Mills, Elizabeth for \$1,498,000 on 03/29/22

9 Lakeview Ter was sold to Murphy-Reuter, Shane and Murphy-Reuter, Brinleigh by Wolfe, Kenneth L and Wolfe, Cheryl for \$3,005,000 on 03/31/22

44 Myopia Rd was sold to 44 Myopia Road NT and Graceffa, Charles M by Turco, Scott V and Dunsmore-Turco, Jessica for \$3,100,000 on 03/30/22

18 Mystic Ave was sold to Saliba, Emma and Saliba, Estephen by Donnellan, Mark S for \$1,700,000 on 04/01/22

6 Parker Rd was sold to Meibom, Soren and Meibom, Sara by Dolan, Janice A for \$750,000 on 04/01/22

23 Pond St #23 was sold to Park, Sejoon and Young-Lee, Guen by Piao, Chunnan for

\$950,000 on 03/31/22

9 Squire Rd was sold to Salvietti, Tara M and Salvietti Jr, David R by James M Gill 2020 RET and Gill, James M for \$1,350,000 on 04/01/22

18 Wedgemere Ave was sold to Belisle, Peter J and Belisle, Jenna K by Kidd, Matthew E and Kidd, Sheena O for \$2,775,000 on 03/30/22

WOBURN

23 Anna Rd was sold to Lau, Alan and Xu, Yun by Lynch Leonard E Est and Morgan, Marjorie A for \$605,000 on 03/29/22

33 Auburn St was sold to Thomas, Robert F and Thomas, Cheryl A by Thomas, Robert F and Thomas, Cheryl A for \$156,700 on 03/28/22

3 Baldwin Green Cmn #203 was sold to Powell NT and Powell, Robert M by Roque De Sousa Rlty Co for \$400,000 on 03/30/22

3 Baldwin Green Cmn #206 was sold to Powell NT and Powell, Robert M by Roque De Sousa Rlty Co for \$400,000 on 03/30/22

5 Bartlett Dr was sold to Cod LLC by Ballard, Linda A for \$705,000 on 03/28/22

86 Cambridge Rd was sold to Hesketh-Tutton, Samuel H by Belanger, Shayla and Rotella, Anthony J for \$600,000 on 03/31/22

30 Everett St was sold to Capellini, Brandon and Perez, Gabriela by Fields, Steven S for \$400,000 on 03/31/22

60 High St was sold to Sherchan, Bikram and Sherchan, Chandani B by 60-62 High Street T and Codner, Cynthia M for \$692,000 on 04/01/22

15 Hillside Ave was sold to Gutz, Stephen C by Bowe, Eric and Bowe, Danielle for \$740,000 on 03/31/22

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schools available here for our two children. My wife and I both volunteered for coaching positions. I ran for my first term on the School Committee three years ago, and I worked on the principal search committee."

When asked about goals he has for his upcoming term, Samaha stated, "We are coming out of remote schooling, and one goal I have is to ensure that we have the materials in place to make up for lost time, both in academic learning and social emotional learning. Mental health issues are on the rise, and we need to make sure they are addressed appropriately."

"A major goal I have is regarding the Wildwood School Building and getting that built. Updating our academic buildings should be at the forefront."

I also think that we should be looking at Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, and while we've added a subcommittee and been working well with DEI, I am passionate about making sure that we are being inclusive to all in our school systems."

Samaha then goes on to discuss high points in his terms with the School Committee.

"There has really been a sense of collegiality between the members, and in our partnership with the superintendent. I walk out of meetings feeling like we have taken action and have made progress. I am proud of the success we have had in starting difficult, but necessary, conversations."

In terms of things he would have done differently, he said, "My hind-

sight is 2020. I am always self reflective of the work we do on the School Committee, but in the past few years, it's hard to go back and compare to past years based on the unprecedented events we have seen. I do wish we could have found more ways to include community input."

To Samaha, these are what he sees as some of the most pressing issues facing Wilmington Schools as of right now.

"Definitely the social-emotional aspect of learning and making sure students are prepared and have the support they need from us. I want to look at the budget and make sure we are spending our money smartly and wisely, and also look at school start times."

"Building the Wildwood School is also really im-

portant. Our elementary schools have not seen any real construction in the past 50 years, and that is a pressing issue. The Wildwood School was originally built in the 1950's, and it is currently not operating and its lifespan is on borrowed time. While the school building is still safe, we had to relocate classes as it is not ideal for 21st century learning."

"Four of our five other academic buildings need the same attention. It is important for the town taxpayers, as they are footing the bill for other projects as well, and while we don't want huge taxes, we need current school buildings."

Reflecting on how COVID impacted his term, Samaha explained, "I joined in the spring of 2019, and by the next year,

the world had changed and we went to remote learning. It was a big shift in what I had originally anticipated. I accomplished some of the goals I set out to accomplish. But we had to adapt to the change in everyone's needs and how things are constantly moving and changing. I learned a lot in my time on the School Committee, and I'm proud of the work I've done."

Samaha talked about how the pressure is mostly off, but he still is excited for the day of elections.

"I look forward to election day, where I'm out there, holding signs and talking to the community. I'm looking forward to speaking with newcomer Stephen Turner and learning more about him. The pressure is off in terms of

getting votes, but someone could end up doing a write-in campaign."

Finally, Samaha sends this message to Wilmington voters: "I would appreciate your continued support in the work we are doing, and I am grateful for the support you have shown through this pandemic. While there were understandably those who were upset about some of the actions made, we appreciate your patience and understanding, especially from those who are in our schools."

Those who are interested in Samaha and his campaign can visit his Facebook page, Jay Samaha for School Committee.

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"Parents and grandparents bring their children and grandchildren. We see high school and college students, we see

generations of families. We want to give people value when they come to the circus and make it a pleasant time."

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For more information about the Shriners Circus, visit <http://auditorium.alepposhriners.com/event/shriners-all-new-circus-2022>.

Stoats have made their way to the area so be on the lookout

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the tail, when it is referred to as an ermine. In warmer weather, the coat is brown with a white underbelly.

The stoat is long and thin. The stoat has a distinctive black tipped tail which can help distinguish it from a long-tailed weasel. These animals are carnivores, but will also make their way into feed storage areas for chickens or other livestock.

It is recommended that all animal feed be placed in an airtight container with a tight-fitting lid. Stoats are approximately 12 inches long, whereas as weasels are closer to 8 inches.

Stoats are ferocious hunters and are considered the smallest carnivores. Their thin, long body makes them suited to invading burrows or holes, but they are also

adept climbers. They can eat their weight in a day.

They are the family Mustelidae and are avid hunters of rodents, young rabbits, and sometimes frogs and birds. Stoats are more active at night, but in warm weather may be seen during the day. Stoats will kill rabbits, steal eggs, and attack poultry in backyard pens, so hens should be protected from the smallest of vermin.

According to Tewksbury's animal control officers, stoats have made their way to town. They have been known to work their way into homes seeking warmth, so keep even the tiniest holes to the outdoors plugged up.

The stoats like to live near people so keep your eyes open and you just might catch a glimpse of a stoat in your yard this season.

American Bench Craft Company finds success working with friends

By CASSIA BURNS
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Oftentimes, many people dream of getting to work alongside their best friends each day. This dream has become a reality for a local company, American Bench Craft.

Based in Wilmington, American Bench Craft is a veteran-owned, union manufacturing company. While demand for the company's durable leather products kickstarted their upward growth, the deep bonds between those involved, combined with their commitment to crafting high-quality products, makes the business unique.

American Bench Craft was originally started by two brothers, Jason and Chris Angelini, in 2014. After finding themselves dissatisfied with their careers, they decided to

join forces, creating a seamless leather wallet using rivets instead of stitching. Catalyzed by a successful Kickstarter campaign, the brothers soon found their business rapidly growing, selling over \$20,000 in wallets over a span of 30 days.

While they started small, in their parents' garage, demand for their products continued to grow. They later moved to a basement office in downtown Reading, and then to their current Wilmington location.

Similar to the brothers, many of their friends also found themselves dissatisfied with their lives. They had attended college, then worked traditional jobs or joined the military. As the American Bench Craft grew, the brothers began to invite more of their friends to get involved.

Eric, a former merchant

marine, was among the first to get involved. He joined the team in 2017, took over the company's sales, and subsequently landed multiple sizable clients.

As years passed, the brothers continued to look to friends to fill any openings. Notably, Kelly Garrity, who has known the Angelini brothers since third grade, was in search of a new career after the pandemic derailed her work as a physical therapist. American Bench was quick to help in her time of need, and she is now serving as an account manager.

On their website, the brothers cite support from family and friends, whether it be working for the company or serving as a consumer, as instrumental to its success.

"We were our first 'customers.' Then we sold to family and friends," they

state on the American Bench website. "Then they told their family and friends, and slowly the word spread. Before we knew it, we had a small business built off the support and word of mouth of our loyal customers."

In addition to the original wallets, American Bench Craft sells numerous other leather goods and accessories. Some other products include belts, dog collars, journals, bags, sheaths, and hats, among many other options. They emphasize that the products are locally sourced, and American made.

To shop, or to learn more about American Bench Craft, visit their website: <https://americanbenchcraft.com>. They can also be reached via email at info@americanbenchcraft.com, or by phone at 781-315-6957.



Wilmington Company of Minutemen 2022 Installation of Officers

Wilmington Minutemen recently held their annual election at Minutemen Headquarters. The company is grateful to their installing officers State Senator (and member) Bruce Tarr and State Representative (and member) Dave Robertson. Pictured are from left, Private John Wallace, State Senator Bruce Tarr, Captain Frank West, Adjutant Sargent Karen West, Lieutenant Hugh McNeil, Company Sergeant J.D. Spanks, Private Riley Spanks, Chaplin Mike Kelley, State Representative Dave Robertson, Private Robin Theodos, Private Kevin Barrett. Wilmington Minutemen are looking for a few new members. Please feel free to contact Captain Frank West at 978-658-1754 or email: westrewilm@aol.com

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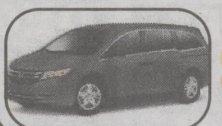
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2005 Toyota Corolla LE Sedan H2204671, Auto., Indigo Ink Pearl, 119K miles	\$8,998
2012 Honda Accord EX-L Sedan H22014111, Auto., Royal Blue Pearl, 89K miles	\$13,498
2016 Toyota Corolla LE H220442, Auto., Gray, 48K miles	\$17,498
2014 Honda Civic EX Sedan H2204231, Auto., Alabaster Silver, 56K miles	\$17,998
2015 Honda CRV EX AWD H220486, Auto., White, 106K miles	\$18,498
2016 Mazda CX5 Grand Touring H2203142, Auto., Meteor Gray, 83K miles	\$19,498
2018 Dodge Journey SE AWD H2210071, Auto., Vice White, 55K miles	\$19,698
2016 Honda Civic LX Sedan CP0056, Auto., Lunar Silver, 50K miles	\$19,998
2018 Honda Civic LX Sedan HP7347, Auto., Lunar Silver, 50K miles	\$20,498
2019 Toyota Corolla LE Sedan HP7343, Auto., Blue, 6K miles	\$21,498
2018 Subaru Impreza Premium H220347, Wagon, AWD, Auto., Gray, 40K miles	\$21,998
2011 Chevy Silverado LT Doublecab H220439, Auto., Silver, 61K miles	\$21,998
2019 Honda Civic EX Sedan H220476, Auto., Aegean Blue, 21K miles	\$22,998
2019 Toyota Camry LE Sedan H2203581, Auto., Super White, 39K miles	\$23,898
2019 Kia Sportage LX AWD H220475, Auto., Black Cherry, 11K miles	\$24,998
2019 Honda HRV LX AWD HP7303, Auto., Modern Steel, 15K miles	\$24,998
2019 Honda Civic Hatchback CP0059, Auto., Rallye Red, 41K miles	\$25,998
2020 Toyota Camry LE Sedan AWD HP7348, Auto., Super White, 13K miles	\$26,998
2018 Subaru Forester Limited AWD HP7339, Auto., Silver, 27K miles	\$26,998
2018 Honda Accord EX Sedan H220480, Auto., Lunar Silver, 32K miles	\$26,998
2016 Honda Pilot Elite AWD HP7353, Auto., Obsidian Blue, 102K miles	\$27,998
2019 Honda CRV LX AWD H220377, Auto., Lunar Silver Metallic, 25K miles	\$27,998
2019 Honda CRV LX AWD H220248, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 25K miles	\$27,998
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2019 Honda CRV EX AWD H220390, Auto., Lunar Silver, 33K miles	\$30,498
2019 Honda CRV EX-L AWD H220333, Auto., Basque Red Pearl, 34K miles	\$30,598
2019 Honda CRV EX AWD H220454, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 26K miles	\$30,698
2020 Subaru Outback Premium AWD H220491, Auto., Magnetite Gray, 17K miles	\$30,998
2016 Mercedes GLC 300 AWD HP00461, Auto., Silver, 69K miles	\$30,998
2019 Honda CRV EX AWD H220469, Auto., Modern Steel, 18K miles	\$30,998
2019 Honda CRV EX-L AWD H220483, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 30K miles	\$30,998
2016 Lexus IS 350 F-Sport AWD CP0047, Auto., Atomic Silver, 40K miles	\$31,998
2019 Infiniti QX60 Pure H220345, Auto., Graphite Shadow, 38K miles	\$33,298
2020 Honda Pilot EX-L AWD H220319, Auto., Lunar Silver, 31K miles	\$32,998
2019 Toyota Tacoma SR5 Access Cab H2203841, Auto., Black, 27K miles	\$34,798
2019 Lexus NX 300 AWD H220403, Auto., Silver, 21K miles	\$34,898
2019 Honda Odyssey EX-L H220451, Auto., Lunar Silver, 45K miles	\$36,998
2019 Honda Odyssey EX-L H220460, Auto., Lunar Silver, 41K miles	\$37,498
2020 Honda Pilot EX-L AWD HP00391, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 33K miles	\$37,498
2019 Honda Pilot EX-L Nav RES CP0060, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 36K miles	\$37,998
2019 Chevy Blazer Premier AWD CP0051, Auto., Gray, 68K miles	\$38,698
2020 Acura RDX A-SPEC SH-AWD CP0052, Auto., Blue, 49K miles	\$39,998
2020 Honda Pilot Touring H220431, Auto., Crystal Black Pearl, 28K miles	\$41,898
2020 Kia Telluride S AWD CP0053, Auto., White, 41K miles	\$43,998
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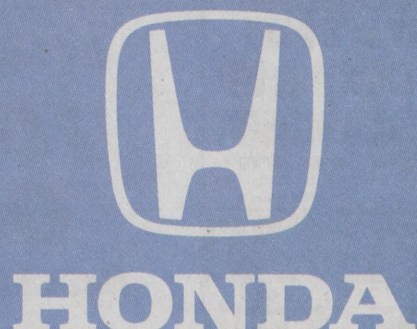
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